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A close call

THE decision to call off a Sunday afternoon football match may seem to many followers of the sport an unnecessarily severe precaution following the trouble which broke out after Saturday's game. International matches are not all that frequent and the visits of overseas teams are a keenly anticipated event for many more than those who take an interest in the local league. A strong show of force by the Police as the crowds went into the stadium yesterday might have been sufficient to deter troublemakers. And while there can be a certain amount of sympathy for this view, it was prudent of the authorities not to take any chances.

The cancelled match could have turned into a grudge match and a team of the temperament of the Brazilians could have excited passions among the crowd which would have been difficult to control. There could also have been a repetition of the crowd demanding a refund for the abandoned Saturday match and a further demonstration would have invited justifiable criticism of the authorities for taking unnecessary risks.

SATURDAY'S disturbance — call it a riot or a commotion — was not simply a display of boisterousness or high spirits. There have been warnings by our own Soccer writer I. M. MacTavish — as recently as March 25 — that this match could produce fireworks off the field and that a number of Hongkong fans were tending to show disapproval more demonstratively than in the past. But for the firm and prompt action of the Police anything could have happened. And there can be no doubt that if there were no agitators present, Wanchai and its Triad strongholds were near enough to bring them on the scene quickly. The likelihood, indeed, is that they were already there before Police restored the situation to normal. Throwing stones at buildings, buses and police officers and overturning cars is surely carrying things too far for the loss of 13 minutes of a football match. And while it is not suggested that an abandoned football match and the tearing down of a Nationalist flag which came to the October 1956 riot — come in the same category of provocation, the fact remains that the local troublemaker will try to exploit any and every case of mass dissatisfaction.

WE say: full marks to the HKFA for calling off the second match and full marks to the Police for turning out so quickly and being so fully prepared on Saturday evening. Only by taking prompt and firm action will the agitator be discouraged. The fact that no blood was spilt is a tribute to the tact which the Police showed. The presence of a number of senior officers on the spot and the measures they took, undoubtedly saved the demonstration from getting out of hand.

Crown not satisfied with Munro-Smith verdict APPEAL AGAINST JUDGMENT

Defendant not represented

Before the Full Court this morning Mr W. S. W. Davidson, for the Crown, appealed against a judgment in January last of Mr I. T. Morris, Magistrate, acquitting Bruce Munro-Smith of a charge of dangerous driving.

Mr Munro-Smith was charged at Causeway Bay Court with driving with defective brakes, without a licence and in a dangerous manner. A collision had occurred between his car and a boy of eleven, riding a bicycle, was killed.

Mr Morris fined the defendant \$500 for the charge of driving with defective brakes, \$200 for driving without a licence, but acquitted him of dangerous driving.

In court this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir Michael Hagan, Mr Munro-Smith asked to be allowed to speak before the case opened. He said he had not been informed until March 2 last that an appeal against his acquittal was to be made by the Crown, and had thought he was cleared. He thought this was unfair, and that it might be illegal, but was not competent to judge the latter. He could not afford further to contest the case as he had heavy costs to bear in the previous trial. He would have preferred to be represented.

Not suggested

Mr Davidson said the delay in letting Mr Munro-Smith know of the appeal had been due to amendments having to be obtained to a case-statement, so that this had not been forwarded until March 1. That the defendant intended injury was not suggested by the prosecution, said Mr Davidson. "It is of course true," he said, "that in a defence such as this, the distinction between law and fact is not as clearly marked as it is in the law of larceny. Nevertheless, the standard for dangerous driving is a matter of law."

"I would suggest that it is clear from decided cases that where a magistrate is clearly acting on a wrong principle, a court is able to put the matter right and to direct a conviction in cases where an acquittal was originally made."

"The principle which I suggest that the learned magistrate is adopting in this case is that he is clearly of the view that the explanation given by the respondent is sufficient to clear him of the charge."

Earthquake recorded in Colony

A severe earthquake was recorded in Hongkong in the early hours of today, according to a statement issued by the Director of the Royal Observatory.

The earthquake was recorded by the Observatory at 37 minutes after midnight. Its epicentre was estimated to be 500 miles east-northeast or east by north of the Colony. The strength was estimated to be between magnitude 6 and 7 on the Richter Scale, which ranges from 0 to 9.5, the statement adds.

Five die in bus fire

Belgrade, Apr. 9. Five passengers in a packed bus burned to death on Saturday on a road in Macedonia, Politika reported today.

In the bus were 42 persons when the fire broke out. A passenger ignited a match for his cigarette near a petrol can. An explosion followed and a fire which destroyed the bus.

Mr Davidson submitted that the magistrate had asked himself the wrong question. "The question should be: Would a reasonable man in these circumstances have continued to drive for 159 feet after the collision—a collision in which a car came into contact with a boy and his bicycle?"

He also submitted that if the respondent had adopted the view of the law and applied his mind to the correct principles and looked at the matter from that direction, he would have convicted the respondent of dangerous driving. He said he was aware of the boy beneath the car. It is highly dangerous for a driver to drive along the road for 159 feet after a collision of this nature," Mr Davidson continued.

At this point, Mr Davidson was asked by Mr Justice Mills-Owens if it was irrespective whether the driver knew the boy was under the car.

"Yes, it is still dangerous even if he did not know the boy was under the car. Leaving that question, it is still dangerous after such a collision and it is certainly dangerous driving with a boy being dragged along under the vehicle," Mr Davidson replied.

"Not justified" Mr Davidson maintained that the court was not justified in coming to the conclusion that the respondent could not be convicted on dangerous driving. Respondent could have been in law convicted on dangerous driving.

"I have no hesitation in submitting to your Lordships that point of law should be answered that way in the circumstances that the respondent could in law be convicted."

"If we go on from that I must frankly admit I have some difficulty because the full facts of the case and the surrounding circumstances which must be presented were not in full."

Crown Counsel submitted. "I suggest that your Lordships remit the case to the learned magistrate with the direction that he convict the respondent," he said.

Mr Davidson suggested two alternatives: (1) The Full Court should remit the case to the magistrate with the direction that he convict the respondent on dangerous driving; or (2) Remit the case for further statements of facts under Section 117 of the Magistrates' Ordinance.

There was also another alternative which Crown Counsel said he would not urge. The Full Court to take and that was the verdict of careless driving be adopted in place of dangerous driving.

Mr Munro-Smith said there were a number of facts produced in the lower court which were omitted in the statement of facts before the appeal court.

He applied for the statement of facts to be amended to include the evidence that he looked in his driving mirror after the collision and saw a group of people standing as if looking at the person on the bicycle.

Mr Munro-Smith also asked that his statement as to why he did not stop his car also be included in the statement of facts.

At this point the appeal was adjourned until this afternoon to enable Mr Munro-Smith to obtain the names and numbers of legal references he wished to quote and to decide on any facts he wished added to the statement of facts.

The Chief Justice sat with Mr Justices C. W. Reece and R. H. Mills-Owens.

SOCCER FAN SENT TO PRISON

A dissatisfied 23-year-old football fan was sentenced to three months jail by Mr T. L. Yang at Causeway Bay Court this morning for disorderly conduct, malicious damage and throwing a litter container onto a tramway track.

DIEM STAYS IN POWER

Saigon, Apr. 10. President Ngo Dinh Diem today faced his second term as South Vietnam's head of state with a solid mandate for his firmly pro-Western, anti-Communist policies.

As figures in yesterday's Presidential election—first for the republic—continued to reach Saigon from the outlying provinces it was apparent that the President gained at least 75 per cent of the total poll, authorised government sources said.

But the 60-year-old stocky Roman Catholic President did not repeat the near 100 per cent landslide referendum vote which first brought him to power in 1956.

In Saigon early today, with almost all votes in, he gained 64 per cent of the vote. Electoral officials said President Diem polled 354,732 votes in Saigon compared with 146,618 for the 74-year-old oriental medicine practitioner, Mr Ho Nhut Tin and 51,998 for the multi-millionaire rubber planter, Mr Nguyen Dinh Guan.

Sufficient In other provinces like Dai in the central highlands, President Diem was returned with percentages in the high nineties — in Dai 97.2.

With sufficient votes already accounted for to assure President Diem of a comfortable reelection, authorised government sources said the President's vote could be as high as 80 per cent of the total poll.

But they added it would probably be in the mid seventies. Early results published by electoral authorities indicated that Communist guerrillas in southern Vietnam who used terror tactics in an attempt to wreck the elections had not met with significant success.

But crucial figures were seen by political observers as those that still come in from the southwestern rice lands where Communist activity is at its peak.—Reuters.

Floods hits Syrian city

Damascus, Apr. 9. Twenty homes were wrecked and another 200 are partially under water from floods which swept into the city of Homs in central Syria, according to reports reaching here.

One child is reported killed and 10 other people injured by the water which gushed upon the city from three directions on Saturday night.

Hundreds of people evacuated their homes in time to reach safety from the floods caused by 30 hours of continuous rain. Homs is some 120 miles north of Damascus. The flooding there has also closed the desert land routes to the border used by the International Iraq Petroleum Company.—AP.

Lai Ming, of hut 37 Men Wah Village, Homantin, who pleaded guilty to all the three charges was also ordered to pay \$10 compensation for the litter container or an additional three days jail.

Lai was arrested by a policeman when he was seen taking the container out of a litter box and throwing it onto the tram track in Percival-street on Saturday afternoon.

The offence occurred after disturbances at a football game which was stopped by the referee about 15 minutes before time.

Left stadium Mr P. J. Clough, Divisional Superintendent, prosecuting, said that the defendant was one of the spectators at the football match between the All-Hongkong and the Madureira Club from Brazil at the Hong-kong Stadium.

When the game was stopped, the defendant left the stadium and went outside but remained at the entrance together with a large crowd of spectators.

The defendant was asked by police to move along. He then stepped a few paces backwards and shouted "Do not be afraid. The Police are not here to shoot—the game is not over."

Mr Clough said that at about 8.30 pm the crowd including the defendant proceeded to Caroline Hill-road, Leighton-road and to Percival-street.

Arrested At Percival-street, the defendant was seen by another inspector picking up a litter container and throwing it onto the tram track.

The defendant was then arrested. The superintendent also asked Mr Yang to take a serious view in this case, as it could be a very serious matter.

U.S. planes hit over Laos

Vientiane, Apr. 9. A twin-engined Beechcraft with five Americans aboard and two American piloted helicopters have been hit by ground fire over Laos.

None of the Americans involved were injured. The Beechcraft filled with young Americans attached to the aid programme's evaluation office which handles training of the Royal Laos army landed at Vientiane airport today on a trip from the south.

Occupants refused to give details of the shooting, which left a hole in the nose close to the pilot's seat severing the hydraulic line and another on the right wing.

Big H-34 helicopters of the same type, being serviced by American mechanics at Udorn, Thailand, were hit by small arms fire the last several days in making drops to royal paratroopers landed northwest of Muong Kassy last Wednesday.—AP.

Rome, Apr. 9. Twenty-five Russian tourists were injured, two of them seriously, in the crash of their bus against a tree six miles southwest of Rome today.—AP.

Ex-King Zog dies

Paris, Apr. 9. Ex-King Zog of Albania, the unhappy monarch who lost his Balkan country to fascism and then to communism, died in exile today of internal ailments. He was 65, poor and almost forgotten by the world.

His 22-year-old son, Leka, immediately succeeded him as pretender to the Albanian throne and became the newest member of the small band of onetime sovereigns who now are monarchs without countries.

King Zog was rushed from his residence to the government-operated Foch hospital in Suresnes outside Paris five days ago. He was suffering from stomach ulcers and a liver ailment. The hospital refused to give further details.

Zog also is survived by his comely half-American Queen, Geraldine, who had been supporting the once wealthy royal family in exile by writing mystery stories under an assumed name.

The day their son was born, April 5, 1939, was not once the happiest and grimmest day in the adventurous life of King Zog.

Within hours of Leka's birth, the infant was bundled up and taken with Zog and Queen Geraldine in a car to Greece, one step ahead of the invading Italian legions of Benito Mussolini.

It was the start of an exile that never ended. When the Nazis invaded Greece, the Albanian Royal Family moved to England and lived in a 40-room mansion.

After the war, Communists under General Enver Hoxha seized his tiny Balkan homeland. Today, it is the most Stalinist of the East European satellites.

Zog was born in 1895, a Moslem in the primitive Matri district of Albania. Educated in Constantinople, he served in the Austrian army as a colonel in World War I.

After the war he became Albanian army chief and, in 1923, took over, as premier of the country which was torn by tribal quarrels.

Removed in 1924, he fled to Yugoslavia, returned and seized power again. He was elected president of the Albanian Republic in 1928 and had himself proclaimed king on September 1, 1928, at the age of 33. He was married to a tribal chieftain's daughter but divorced her.—UPI.

New York, Apr. 9. The leader of the abortive rebel seizure of the Portuguese luxury liner Santa Maria said today other anti-government manoeuvres are yet to come.

Henrique Galvao, who engineered the seizure of the vessel while on an Atlantic cruise on January 20, said the capture was only the first step in a planned three-phase programme aimed at the Government of both Portugal and Spain.

Galvao, in a copyrighted article in the Nation magazine, said the two phases are still to come.

He also said that the original plan had called for the capture of three ships in two days. The revolutionaries also planned to seize the Vera Cruz, sister ship of the Santa Maria, and an unnamed Spanish vessel plying between Spain and Cuba.

Burnt out liner anchored in Persian Gulf

London, Apr. 9. The British liner Darna, which caught fire with 752 passengers aboard and was abandoned yesterday, has not yet been taken in tow towards Bahrain, the Admiralty announced today.

The announcement which denied the reports that the vessel was under tow said that she was anchored in the Persian Gulf, and that three British frigates and two merchant vessels were standing by. The merchant vessel was the Ocean Salvor and the Hidd, the spokesman said.

The Darna was listing, he added, but it attempts to be made tonight succeeded in putting her back on an even keel, the tow towards Bahrain would start tomorrow.

The pilot of an RAF Shackleton aircraft which returned to Aden tonight said that his crew had spotted 10 bodies during a two-hour search yesterday for survivors of the liner Darna.

The bodies, seen about 35 miles north of Dubai, the principal port of Trucial Oman, were in groups of six and four, the pilot, Flight Lieut Javie Thrift, said.

Returned to base The plane returned to Khormaksar air base, Aden, "after we were told our assistance was no longer required," he added.

British and American navy frigates battled to save the ship, abandoned early on Saturday after an explosion in the Persian Gulf.

The latest casualty count by the British India Steam Navigation Company, owners of the 8,000-ton vessel, said more than 150 persons now appear to be missing. This is about 25 more than estimated earlier in the day.

A company spokesman said latest checks showed there were 752 people aboard — 560 passengers, 132 crew and 60 locally hired labourers.

On 563 survivors have been accounted for, leaving the fate of 189 persons uncertain on the basis of the latest figures.

But the spokesman said it was believed some of these were aboard rescue vessels which have not yet docked. He confirmed at least 70 of the missing were members of the crew.

First indication Accounts on Saturday said there were 550 persons aboard the liner, and the first indication that there were more came from Purser John Murray who was picked up by the Japanese tanker Yuyo Maru. The labourers had been herded aboard at the ship's last port of call, the Arabian town of Dibal.—All Agencies.

Unknown Bonn, Apr. 9. A father has initiated charges of causing bodily harm here against the unknown pilot of a jet aircraft whose sonic boom, he alleges, caused his two-year-old son to become frightened, and break his arm in a fall.—China Mail Special.

Portuguese rebels have other plans

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The plan was not carried out because of shortage of money, he said.

Galvao said that Spaniards seeking the overthrow of Generalissimo Francisco Franco helped the Portuguese in their plot against dictator Antonio Salazar.

The Santa Maria was surrendered by the insurgents at Recife, Brazil, where Galvao received asylum.—UPI.

Weekly survey of American economy

TWO ENCOURAGING SIGNS

A mystery take-over bid

London, Apr. 9. The Stock Exchange Council stepped into a mystery take-over bid for a brewery last Friday. It suspended all dealings in the common stock of a Liverpool company "for the protection of the investing public."

The move followed a "tentative" £221 million offer for the Brewery Co. of Liverpool, a 120-year-old firm which owns more than 500 pubs, a wine business and three breweries. Bidders were a tiny little-known London company named Angliani Nominees. They refused to name the clients for whom they were acting.

A spokesman for the Stock Exchange Council said "We want clarification of the nature of the bid and on whose behalf it is being made." Explaining that the Council ordered suspension of dealings in the Bents share for the protection of the investing public, the official added "We are not satisfied they have a clear enough picture of what is going on."

FIRST TIME

It was believed the first time the Council had taken such action because of lack of information about a take-over bid.

Bents jumped some 5/- to around 47/- per share, last Friday on the news of the offer of 50/- per share.

Rumours were that a big brewery group was behind the bid and wanted to shield its identity. The Financial Editor of the Daily Mail said "I cannot see why a big British brewery should go about making a bid in this shifty fashion. The method offends against the city's views on take-overs."

British breweries have recently seen a spate of buy-out moves and mergers and brewery stocks have been a volatile market.—UPI.

BANK OF ENGLAND STATEMENT

London, Apr. 9. The Bank of England statement for the week ended April 8, reads as follows:

Notes in circulation £220,523,404
Public deposits 10,240,133
Private deposits 307,023,826
Government securities 425,023,140
Other securities 53,920,716
Receipts 14,630,210
Ratio 34.—UPI.

P.O. ORIENT LINES

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Recovery in steel and automobiles

New York, Apr. 9.

Good news this week came from two sectors of the economy where it matters most right now—steel and automobiles.

Steel's creeping production recovery at last is beginning to show signs of acceleration.

Shipments of steel in April will be at least five per cent better than March as a result of a brisk flurry of new orders which started in the last days of March and are starting to order three to four weeks ahead and while this is not a long lead time by former standards, it shows a stabilising of the market and indicates a continuing upturn.

Most encouraging of all, the car makers at last are starting to push for steel deliveries. Some who have earlier deferred shipments from April until May now want April delivery instead.

The improvement was reflected in last week's steel output—the best in nine months. Production rose to 1,632,000 tons, 22,000 tons above the previous week and the largest tonnage since late last June.

The brighter picture in steel was confirmed by another development: scrap prices. Scrap rose to \$1.50 a ton at Pittsburgh, continuing a slow movement which began last November. Dealers said the rise, spurred at the beginning by rising demand for export, has received support more recently by renewed scrap buying by local steel mills.

NEW CARS

As for automobiles, production climbed a little, but it was not as spectacular as yet as the climb in sales. This was just as it should be—the industry still has a large inventory of new cars to work off.

U.S. motor vehicle production last week totaled 123,245 units, including 101,674 passenger cars and 21,571 trucks. In the previous week only 77,934 cars and 21,534 trucks were assembled.

However, viewed on a year-to-date basis the record was far less impressive. So far this year, the industry assembled 1,454,000 units, almost a million less than last year's 2,422,000 for the same period.

In sales, however, the figures looked a little better and this was the main reason for most of the car manufacturers boosting their tentative assembly goals for the second quarter. March sales totaled 400,000 units at a daily pace of 13,000—some 20 per cent above February but still a hefty 10 per cent below March 1960.

Nevertheless, the tempo of sales was increasing. In the last days of March it reached

a daily rate of 21,000 units, ahead of similar periods of 1958 and 1959 although still not up to the 26,000 daily selling rate of a year ago.

The pace was apparently good enough for Ford to increase second quarter production goals by seven per cent, Chrysler by 40 per cent and American Motors by a whopping 50 per cent. General Motors production plans have not been revealed so far, but the increase here should be substantial too, judging by G. M. sales in March, which were 34 per cent above February and January levels.

There was one note of irony in the automobile market: the car manufacturers have barely got their 1961 model year sales under way and already they have to worry about 1962. The reason is the possibility of a strike next September 1 against one or more of the big three auto companies. The contract with the United Automobile workers is up for renewal at that time and at least one of the Big Three is already thinking of starting 1962 model production ahead of schedule.

By getting production of '62 models under way earlier than last year, the car companies will be able to sample their dealers with two or three of their new models before a strike shuts down assemblies. The few '62 models plus a good-sized inventory of '61s would hold the car makers till a strike settlement is reached.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Meanwhile unemployment fell by a less than seasonal 210,000 in the month ended March 15 to a total of 5,495,000. On the other hand, total employment grew by a more than seasonal 816,000 to reach a March record of 65,510,000. But because the drop in unemployment was less than normally occurs at this time of year, the percentage of unemployment, which is the total labour force actually rose from 8.8 to 8.9.

This disclosure by the Labour Department confirmed earlier fears that even with an economic outlook at hand serious hard-core unemployment will be the plague of the U.S. economy in the years to come and will require long-term solutions.

On the other side of the economy, the Stock Market, concerned was caused by the past week's performance. The seven million volume of shares reaching the market on Tuesday provoked one of the rare comments of the New York Stock Exchange president, Keith Funston. He expressed concern that the hectic trading pace may be attracting to the market "uninformed" speculators who are buying stocks when they should not.

Mr. Funston criticized those who "have not yet learned that it is impossible to get something for nothing and (who) are attempting to make improper use of the facilities of the investment community."

For Mr. Funston these were unusually sharp words. The last time he spoke up in a similar tone was some two years ago. The new warning had its desired effect, apparently. The market quieted down later in the week.—UPI.

Firm's earnings

San Francisco, Apr. 9. Earnings of Owens-Illinois Glass Company for the quarter ended March 31 will be similar to the comparable 1960 quarter. Mr. P. Hancock, Vice-President, Finance, said today.

Last year's first quarter earnings amounted to \$7,013,941 or 90 cents a common share on sales of \$130,000,000.

For the year, Mr. Hancock said, he expects earnings and sales to be ahead of last year's figures.

Last year, the company's earnings were \$33,100,000 or \$4.10 a share on sales of \$601,000,000.—China Mail Special.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Business done at the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$2,000,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
HK Bank	430	440	40 of 430
Wing Lok	410	420	120 of 431
X.D.	410	420	50 of 431
Taikeo Dock	21.10	22.00	10 of 430
HK Gas	21.10	22.00	10 of 430
Wheelock	15.20	15.30	200 of 15.20
HK Dock	115	110	200 of 115
HK Hotel	70 1/2	70 1/2	200 of 70 1/2
HK Land	70 1/2	70 1/2	200 of 70 1/2
Ris.	137	138	200 of 137
Yuenmair	34 1/2	35 1/2	200 of 34 1/2
HK Tram	34 1/2	35 1/2	200 of 34 1/2
Ch. Light	37	37 1/2	200 of 37
Electric	37 1/2	37 1/2	200 of 37 1/2
Telephone	40	40 1/2	200 of 40
G.I. Cement	65 1/2	66 1/2	200 of 65 1/2
Dairy Farm	30 1/2	31 1/2	200 of 30 1/2
Watson	11 1/2	11 1/2	200 of 11 1/2
Alfred Inv.	8 1/2	8 1/2	200 of 8 1/2
Textile	8 1/2	8 1/2	200 of 8 1/2
Nanyang	14 1/2	14 1/2	200 of 14 1/2
Amal. Rub.	6 3/4	6 3/4	200 of 6 3/4
City Hotel	27.30	27.30	200 of 27.30
Ex. Star	2.35	2.40	200 of 2.35
Star Ferry	200	201	200 of 200
Inv.	22	22 1/2	200 of 22
Gilman	4.45	4.50	200 of 4.45
Amoy	0 1/2	0 1/2	200 of 0 1/2
Canning	0 1/2	0 1/2	200 of 0 1/2
Int'l Invest	14.70	14.70	200 of 14.70
Peak Train	12 1/2	12 1/2	200 of 12 1/2
Sincere	6 1/2	6 1/2	200 of 6 1/2
Kwong Sang	208	208	200 of 208
Hong On	108	108	200 of 108
Vibro	20.00	20.00	200 of 20.00

LONDON STOCKS RISE

London, Apr. 9. Stock surged higher every day this past week.

Trading volume stepped higher each day and the buying zest outlasted fairly heavy profit-taking as the account ended.

The public more than the institutions was the force, underpinned by the £202 million fall in Britain's gold reserves and the underlying balance of payments weakness. Buyers of equities seemed heartened by the government's economic survey which forecast a significant increase in industrial production in 1961, rising consumer spending, increased capital investment and government expenditure.

Over the four days the Financial Times soared 9.2 points to 351.4 and ended 0.5 points higher than the 1960 peak.

In contrast to this sparkling performance gold mines fell back and the index broke through the previous all-time low set after the Sharpsville shooting incident.

Demand for the blue chips in industrial over the week increased. Most sectors enjoyed the buoyant week. Motors, plastics, textiles, aircrafts and tobacco were well on to the higher ground. Shipping and shipbuilding were little changed. Oils moved narrowly. Rubbers moved higher ground but teen shaded.—UPI.

Exchange rates

Business was done in the local exchange market this morning at the following rates: U.S. dollar (per \$1) 152.12; sterling notes (per £1) 10.00; Australian notes (per £1) 12.50; Hong Kong dollars (per 100) 25.00; Singapore (Straits) 2.00.

New York stocks reach new 1961 peak

New York, Apr. 9.

Stocks reached a new 1961 peak this past week in hectic trading, and now are within striking distance of the all time high.

Industrials paced by American Telephone & Telegraph, made the best showing of the major groups, with rails again the laggards.

A Friday spurt of 4.34 points left the Dow-Jones Industrial average at 683.68, only 1.70 points from the record high touched in the first week of 1960.

And there doesn't seem to be much doubt that a new high will be reached next week. The experts said the phenomenal success of the AT & T stock offering, signs of an early recovery in business activity, and persistent high volume in the stock market all suggest that prices are going higher.

It has been speculative confidence that has been adding impetus toward the upswing this year, and it has been the general public and not the institutional investor who has been responsible for the record trading pace.

Sales thus far this year are running more than 100 million shares ahead of the 1960 pace. Institutional investors, of course, have stepped up their trading, but not enough to be the major reason behind the volume rise.

HIGHEST
Volume this past week, thanks to a seven million share day, amounted to 28,987,501 shares, just slightly under the March 6-10 total of 29,020,120, which was the most since July, 1953.

The seven million share turnover was highest in 5 1/2 years, and prompted New York Exchange President Keith Funston to issue a warning against reckless investing, he called on investors to use extreme care in selecting securities.

Funston, warning caused slight uneasiness in the market on Wednesday, with a 1,050,000 shares drop in volume, but it was only a temporary setback as the list moved higher in the last two sessions.

As one expert put it, the public has been warned against excessive speculation but it obviously isn't scared.

One broker looks for a return to favour of such groups as cars, aluminium, chemicals, oils and steels which long have been regarded as the backbone of American industry and the beneficiaries of healthy prosperity.

Fairbanks Corp., involved in a bitter proxy battle, was the most active issue this past week with sales of 1,440,400 shares. The bulk of this volume, more than 900,000 shares, came in the Tuesday session and was attributed to purchases by management interests. It finished up only 1/2 point as the present management claimed victory in the fight.

Fairbanks, which Whitney was running with 769,200 shares, was followed by General Telephone, Standard Oil, New Jersey, Avnet and Brunswick Corp.

American Telephone, now in the midst of a huge stock offering to its shareholders, shot up 9 1/2 points on some favourable comment on its long term growth prospects.

The Dow-Jones averages finished the week with the 30 Industrials at 683.68 up 7.05; 20 Utilities at 112.23 up 0.32 and 65 stocks 228.92 up 0.90.

The long-awaited upward movement in the oil stocks apparently got underway with Amstar up 7 1/2, Kerr-McGee up 9, Union Oil of California up 6 1/2 and Jersey Standard up 3 1/2.

Utilities featured gains of around 5 points in Consumers Power and Oglethorpe's Gas, but less of a gain in the same amount in Pacific Gas and Southern California Edison.

In addition to AT & T the blue chips showed American Tobacco up 5 1/2 and Eastman Kodak up 4 1/2, but Alcoa down 3 1/2. Youngstown Sheet moved up 1 1/2 in an otherwise steady group. Despite a brighter outlook for cars, Ford lost 1 point and Chrysler 1/2. General Motors added a fraction.

There were some wide swings in the electronics, particularly Amphenol-Darg down 10 1/2, Beckman up 4 1/2, Zenith up 7 1/2 and Rolliford Electric up 7 1/2.

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

One-man combine drill for the farmer

London, Apr. 9.

A new combine drill which can be operated by one man without moving from his tractor seat has been produced by a United Kingdom firm. Unaided he can drill, sow seed or lay fertiliser.

200-ton bridge floats to London

A pre-fabricated welded steel bridge, weighing nearly 200 tons, built by a firm with works on the northern England river Tees, arrived at Regents Canal Dock in London recently.

It was launched into the River Tees, floated down the east coast and towed up the Thames to Stepney—a journey of three days.

FIRST TIME

This is the first time, it is believed, that a bridge has been despatched such a distance in this manner and it was specially designed as a seaworthy pontoon in order to avoid jamming roads with heavy pieces of equipment.

The swing bridge is of box type construction, 135 ft. long by 32 ft. wide, and will be used to carry both pedestrian and motor traffic over the entrance to the Regents Canal Dock. British Waterways are shifting the east of the new bridge with the London County Council.—LPS.

Monorail for Seattle

New York, Apr. 9. Construction of a Swedish-designed high-speed monorail was started recently in Seattle, Washington.

Allweg corporation of Sweden designed the monorail. The \$4.2 million monorail will link Seattle's downtown business district with the site of the Century 21 World Exposition opening there on April 21.

MOVING BELT

Allweg said lightweight, electrically-powered trains will straddle dual concrete tracks along the one-mile route. Two trains of four cars each will carry up to 10,000 passengers an hour to and from the exposition. At the downtown terminal a moving belt will carry passengers from street level to the overhead loading platform.

U.S. Senator Warren G. Magnuson, Democrat of Washington State, hailed the monorail as a possible "break-through" in our search for new ways to move people along crowded city streets.—AP.

New shaving discovery

From the London headquarters of Gillette, the well-known manufacturers of razors and blades, comes news of an important scientific discovery which promises a revolution in shaving.

Years of extensive research carried out in their own laboratories have developed a unique process applied during the production of razor blades which results in a high standard of shaving comfort and efficiency.

The new product made possible by this development is known as the Blue Gillette Extra Blade and has met with big success in Europe, America and many other world markets. The manufacturers say the new Blue Gillette Extra blades are "the greatest scientific breakthrough in the history of shaving."

Washing, sterilising beer containers

London, Apr. 9.

Up to 400 metal beer containers, of capacity from five to 18 gallons, can be cleaned and sterilised every hour by a new machine developed by a United Kingdom firm. A smaller version of the same model handles up to 200 per hour.

Casks, kegs and drums are placed upside down on a carrier, with necks accurately centred on a rubber moulding and rinsed held firmly in a centrifuge groove. They are then given a preliminary internal and external wash. After draining, they are moved successively over six rotating jets, controlled by solenoid valves and timers by means of which a detergent solution is injected all over the interior surfaces. After each cleaning the jets cut out, the beam on which it rests is lowered and the container moves forward to the next stage. Dome-shaped rotating covers beneath the jets direct the fouled water away from gears and cask exteriors, thus preventing any recontamination.

INTERIORS

After detergent cleaning and further draining a warm-rinse section completes external washing. Then comes the final rinsing with hot mains water (heated through an exchange coil) and then with cold mains water, finally steamed and drained to be ready for unloading.

Water from the internal rinsing and steaming is recirculated and used for the external washing. While this operation is going on, the spacers from the containers can be washed and sterilised in another machine.

Both of these are attached to a portable frame which acts as the closure for the cleaning equipment.—LPS.

Winds endanger 16 ships

Eight people missing near Japan waters

Tokyo, Apr. 10.

Strong winds and high waves played havoc to 16 ships near Japanese waters today, the Japanese Maritime Safety Agency reported.

A total of eight people were reported missing and ten injured in distress calls received by the agency, a spokesman said.

The spokesman said the major disaster was the disappearance of the 220-ton freighter No. 2 Mizushima with seven crew members aboard. He said the freighter was grounded in the Naruto Straits off Shikoku Island, western Japan, and presumably sank in the fast running water there. One fisherman was reported missing after falling aboard a fishing boat operating in western Japan.

ENGINE TROUBLE

The Panamanian ship Cathay was reported to have engine trouble but not in danger. The spokesman said the American destroyer Drifter is now standing by the 7,300 deadweight ton freighter some 40 miles east southeast of Nomi, south Tokyo. The ship is carrying a crew of 44 persons with no passengers aboard, he added.

The spokesman said a tug boat is rushing to her rescue and is expected to reach Cathay tomorrow afternoon.

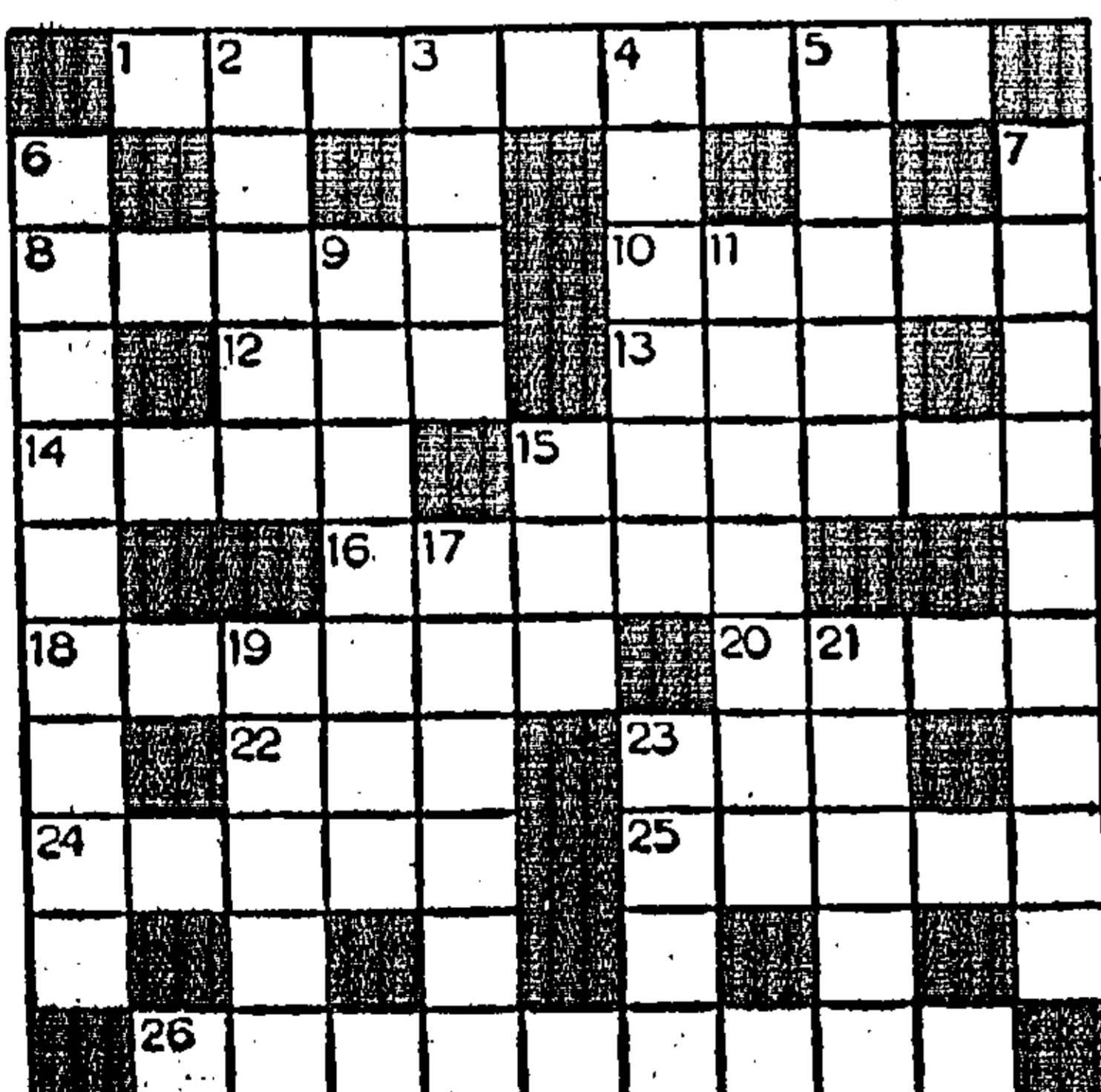
The 10 injured persons sustained minor cuts and bruises when the 160-ton Mizushima Maru, a coastal passenger ship, went aground in shallow waters at Yamaguchi, southern Japan. Aboard the boat were eight crew members and 155 passengers, the spokesman added.—AP.

Karen rebels raid, loot

Rangoon, Apr. 9. Karen rebels last night raided two towns set fire to buildings and looted shops, it was learned in Rangoon today.

The towns attacked were Kyaukse, a rice trading centre in the delta, where the rice mill was set on fire, and Muden, near Moulmein, east of Rangoon. No casualties were reported. The previous day, the trading town of Thone, 80 miles north of Rangoon, was also raided and set afire by the Karen rebels.—AFP.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 They've left home.
 - 2 Intentional.
 - 3 Essence.
 - 4 Horn.
 - 5 Commerce.
 - 6 Resolute.
 - 7 Penniless.
 - 8 Bird.
 - 9 Meat-ball.
 - 10 Parent.
 - 11 Hawk.
 - 12 Booth.
 - 13 Mingle.
 - 14 Competent.
- DOWN**
- 1 They've left home.
 - 2 Intentional.
 - 3 Essence.
 - 4 Horn.
 - 5 Commerce.
 - 6 Resolute.
 - 7 Penniless.
 - 8 Bird.
 - 9 Meat-ball.
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 - 13 Mingle.
 - 14 Competent.

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD:—Across: 1 Rage, 4 Girl, 6 Pail, 9 Alan, 11 Limb, 13 Redcoma, 14 Rap, 16 Strap, 18 Adder, 21 Seeps, 22 Error, 24 Ore, 26 Vinegar, 28 Wren, 30 Role, 31 Erie, 32 Damp, 33 Fall, Down: 1 Hilar, 2 Clasp, 3 Gen, 4 Limb, 5 Liar, 6 Lender, 10 Never, 12 Brave, 16 Appeal, 17 To, 19 Draw, 20 Rover, 23 Rime, 24 Ovid, 26 Quon, 27 Real, 28 Rep.

Malta Labour Party backs controversial policy

Valletta, Apr. 9. The Malta Labour Party today unanimously endorsed a party policy statement which yesterday led to the island's Roman Catholic Archbishop placing fiery Labour leader Dom Mintoff under an interdict.

It was also imposed on members of the party who drew up or approved the statement, said to have given offence to the ecclesiastical authorities.

Labour Party delegates were on Friday, hurriedly summoned to an extraordinary meeting at which they unanimously approved a resolution which declared the policy statement contained nothing but facts known to everybody in Malta and about which the Labour Party has been protesting for the past three years.

COLONIAL RULE

The policy statement, signed by Mintoff, alleged that Malta's Roman Catholic Archbishop Michael Gonzi favoured British colonial rule rather than a Mintoff-led government in the next Parliament. It also claimed that Gonzi supported the British in Malta because he wanted to safeguard relations between the Vatican and Britain.

Friday's resolution made clear that the policy statement was approved on March 19 by the members of all party district clubs.

Police dispersed a crowd of more than 3,000 waiting to cheer Mintoff at the end of the conference. No arrests were made.—AP.

Chateau is moved

Lille, France, Apr. 9. The 17th century Chateau de Landas near here has moved about two yards towards its new site.

A new road is planned which will run through the present site of the chateau. It is classed as an historical monument and under French law could not be demolished.

The authorities decided the chateau, weighing an estimated 1,000 tons, should be moved about 70 yards to a new site.

All pipes and wires supplying water, gas and electricity were cut. A base of concrete was built under the chateau, and it was eased with crowsbars on to trolleys which will carry it to the new site on rails.—China Mail Special.

Big orders for British cars

New York, Apr. 9. British manufacturers today announced they had booked orders for nearly \$40 million (about £17 million) worth of vehicles at the 1961 International Automobile Show here—forecast that the industry-wide export slump was over.

The British Automobile Manufacturers Association announced the bookings in a statement at the last day of the nine-day show and added that the 20 different makes of British cars were "the acknowledged hit" of the show.—Reuters.

Railway coaches

London, Apr. 9. Moscow Radio claims that 100 m.p.h. railway coaches will soon help reduce the Moscow-Leningrad travelling time (400 miles) to about four hours.

The coaches, developed at Krasnodar, central Russia, are under test on the line to Leningrad already, the radio said.—China Mail Special.

MACMILLAN ARRIVES IN CANADA

Ottawa, Apr. 9.

Mr Harold Macmillan arrived here today for talks with Canadian officials following his conferences last week with President Kennedy in Washington.

Mr Macmillan was personally greeted at the Royal Canadian Air Force Uplands air force station by Mr John Diefenbaker, the Canadian Prime Minister, Sir Saville Garner, the UK High Commissioner, and other Commonwealth High Commissioners.

The British Prime Minister, in a brief arrival statement, said he would confer and consult with Mr Diefenbaker on how best they could achieve two major goals: (1) Greater strength and unity of the Commonwealth, which in his view would play an expanded role in this troubled world; (2) Greater unity—economic, trade, defence and moral—among the countries of the Atlantic alliance.

Great pleasure

Mr Macmillan said he would also discuss some of the questions that came up during his conferences with President Kennedy.

"I had the great pleasure of seeing Mr Diefenbaker in London at the last Commonwealth conference (in March)," he said, "but a good deal has happened even in the short time since then, and I welcome the opportunity to enter into talks with him and consultations about how we can best achieve our purposes."

Mr Macmillan spoke into microphones, standing in front of a semi-circle of Commonwealth flags on the tarmac near the RAF Comet plane which brought him from Washington.

Mr Diefenbaker described Mr Macmillan's talks with the President in Washington as "historic."

He said he was very happy to extend a warm welcome to one who had shown "such high standards of statesmanship in the settlement of international difficulties."

Mr Diefenbaker went on: "Canada's attitude is that the bonds that bind NATO together shall be made stronger, that unity must be attained to a greater degree than ever before, and that in that unity we should include not only defence but also economics and such changes politically as will assure the dedication of the free world to the principles for which we stand."

Freedom of city

Mr Macmillan, who is staying at Government House as the guest of Major-General Georges Vanier, the Governor-General, had no engagements tonight. Tomorrow he will be given the Freedom of the City of Ottawa and will confer with Mr Diefenbaker.

British cinema owner bans teenagers

London, Apr. 9. Mr Martin Ayres, owner of Stevenage (Hertfordshire) new town's only cinema, banned all teenagers from his cinema for a month because of the damage some were causing but later agreed to admit those "obviously respectable and reasonably dressed."

But, he added, youths in leather jackets, jeans, "winkle-picker" shoes and cowboy boots would not be allowed in.

"And the same sort of standard goes for the girls as well," Mr Ayres added.

He decided on this compromise after an appeal by the Chairman of Stevenage Urban Council, Mr Michael Cotter.

NIGHTMARE

Mr Cotter, father of two teenage boys said: "I thought he was being a little unfair to the majority of the teenagers in the town, who I know are decent youngsters."

"They are being blamed and made to suffer because of an irresponsible few."

But Mr Ayres in adamant that the ban must stay.

"It's been a nightmare to me

Frankfurt Govt on Nazi atrocities

Frankfurt, Apr. 9.

The Frankfurt city government issued a pamphlet today debunking claims that the vast majority of Germans know nothing of Nazi brutalities toward the Jews until World War II ended.

The pamphlet—distributed two days before Adolf Eichmann faces trial in Israel—insists that all Germans who reached their teens by 1938 were "eye witnesses of the horror or else heard the screams of the tortured and dispossessed."

"Whoever denies this today is a liar," it says in rebuttal to official and unofficial claims made since 1945 that only a handful of Nazis knew of the Jews' sufferings during the Third Reich.

"We have developed the art of forgetfulness to a masterful virtuosity in Germany," it continues.

PROOF

Entitled "Judea And The Occident," the 24-page pamphlet is a collection of addresses and articles on the Nazi era by Dr Willy Hartner, Vice-Chancellor of Frankfurt University.

A foreword signed by Socialist Mayor Werner Bockemuhl says the Frankfurt city administration decided to publish it because Hartner's findings "appeared to be of such importance that their perusal by wider circles was deemed advisable."

Hartner cites various speeches Nazi leaders made during the 1930s and the infamous pogrom of November 9, 1938, as proof that most Germans knew of the Nazi atrocities before World War II began.

He does not mention Eichmann or other Nazis awaiting trial in Germany on war crimes charges.—AP.

Commemorative painting

Moscow, Apr. 9. Eight Russian weavers have worked for six weeks to make a seamless canvas 533 feet long by 52 feet broad for a painting of "The route of the German fascist troops at Stalingrad."

The painting will form part of a monument now under construction at Stalingrad, the Tass reported.—China Mail Special.



RUSSIAN DEFECTOR DETAINED PENDING SWEDISH INQUIRIES

Hemse, Sweden, Apr. 9.

A 23-year-old Lithuanian-born naval officer who fled the Soviet Union today spent his third day in the West still comfortably staying out in a jail cell at this Isle of Gotland port.

The 200-ton Soviet submarine tender he jumped on Thursday at the nearby port of Silse to seek political asylum steamed back to a home port somewhere in the Baltic Sea under command of a Soviet embassy naval attaché.

The young defector, whose name is kept secret by Swedish authorities, isn't really a prisoner. With no other appropriate lodging available, local police are holding him in strict custody until investigations are complete.

SATISFIED

"We do not want a uniformed Russian walking around here, and he has no other clothes yet," a police spokesman said.

The Russian first lieutenant is not complaining. He reportedly likes the food and treatment and is satisfied to wait a few more days in jail after a lifetime in a Communist state.

The young Russian has told authorities he was born in Lithuania and is unmarried. He planned his defection for a long time and got his chance when his ship participated in manoeuvres in the Baltic Sea.

He is convinced that his crew will not be punished when the ship returns to the Soviet.—UPI.

Expelled pressman leaves Katanga

Elisabethville, Apr. 9.

Associated Press correspondent Erol Friedmann was today expelled from Katanga by the authorities for his reporting of last week's Elisabethville riots.

Friedmann left by car for Northern Rhodesia today. It is understood the Katanga authorities look exception to his report on two counts.

They objected to a report in a Belgian newspaper about riots carrying the headline President Tshombe had made a "hysterical" speech to the population.

They also criticised a report that Marono, in north Katanga, had been captured by South African troops—explaining these were simply Katangese troops.—Reuters.

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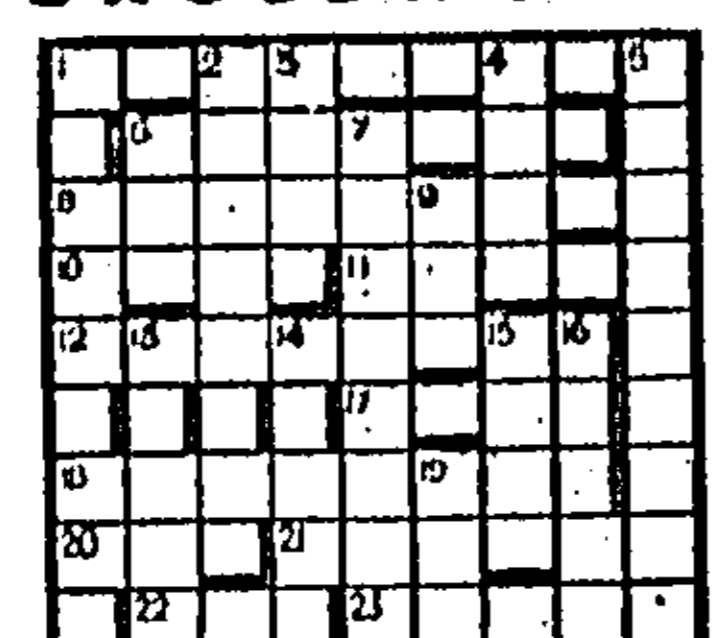
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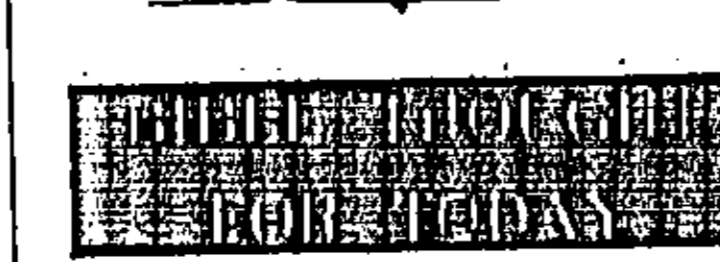
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Across
1. Flowers. (5)
4. Taking charge. (7)
8. Bird colonies. (9)
10. Drinking. (4)
11. Add. (3, 2)
12. And so on. (2, 0)
17. Told untruths. (4)
18. Knew. (3)
20. Knew. (3)
21. Play. (5)
22. Wood. (3)
23. Harry. (5)
Down
2. Moorland feature. (5, 4)
3. Tunes for dance. (5, 4)
5. Inquirer. (4)
6. Item. (4)
7. Express (theatrical disapproval). (5)
9. Colours. (5)
13. Female of the bird. (5)
14. Military. (5)
15. A filled. (5)
16. Rock bar. (5)
19. Spool. (5)
20. Pinch. (5)

Friday's solution



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By D. E. GRAY

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The works performed were:
Quartet No. 1 by Walter Piston,
Quartet No. 3 by Bela Bartok,
and Schubert's posthumous D
Minor Quartet (Death and the
Maiden).

It is most unusual in cham-
ber music recitals for encores
numbers to be played, but the
audience was so enthusiastic
and demanding that the players
closed the recital with the last
movement of Haydn's Op. 74
No. 3 (popularly known as
"The Horseman").

The Piston work was un-
known to me, but even on a first
hearing it was apparent this
quartet is deserving of more
attention than it has received in
the repertoire of chamber
music.

The Adagio movement was
very beautiful—the cello takes
a prominent part here and it
was immediately evident that
the cellist, Claus Adam, was an
artist of a very high order. I
found much of the first and
second movements dissonant and
provoking, and would like to
hear it again many times, for
one does not begin to under-
stand these modern works on
first hearing.

If this be true of the first
item, it was even more true of
the Bartok. Quite a number of
the audience, of course, dismiss
Bartok as a kind of perverted
humorist who delights in
inventing music calculated to
suggest demented cats trying
to escape from a cat's lunatic
asylum.

But a well-known writer of
programme notes says of Bar-
tok's quartets, "Even the most
careful analysis will fulfil its
purpose only if that which is
first grasped by the intellect,
eventually becomes an imagina-
tive experience. To reach this
point, close study must go hand
in hand with a realization of the
actual sound, and the inner ear
must be assisted by the fre-
quent hearings of this great
yet certainly difficult and in
some respects caustic music in
live and recorded performance.
Only then will it gradually yield
its full meaning, scope, and wel-
dantly luscious texture."

Of all the six, Bartok quartets,
No. 3 is, by far, the most
difficult from a listener's
point of view, completely with-
out the faintest suggestion of
basic key, full of expressionist
and other abstract thought,
technical experiment and un-
compromising aggressive harsh-
ness of idiom. Odd sound
effects, such as glissandi by all
four instruments, unusual
types of bowing, such as sul
ponticello and col legno, abound.
But it is a provocative work,
and many in the audience I am
sure, would want to hear it
again. The promoter of this
concert is to be congratulated
in having the courage to put on
two modern works.

After the Bartok, "Death and
the Maiden," a more conven-
tional piece of simple beauty.
This great
quartet (likened by someone to
a "struggle with death," is not
by any means without its in-
tellectual appeal. But it was

so wonderful to get back to an
idiom containing basic keys,
which were relatively easy to
understand.

What a wonderful quartet
the Juilliard are! As an en-
semble they do not produce a
big tone, but the outstanding
feature of their playing was the
extraordinary precision of
every concerted action. No
matter whether it was a cres-
cendo or a diminuendo, or a
rapid run for 2nd violin and
viola playing in thirds, or for
all four instruments together,
everything was executed with
a machine-like precision which
was uncanny.

Of course, one takes it for
granted that in a world-famous
ensemble, the balance will be
well-nigh perfect, but the
players seem to have been
chosen so that no one of them
should stand out technically as
different from his brother
players. So often in quartets
the first violinist is obviously a
better player than the 2nd. In
the Juilliard, each of the two
violinists seemed to produce
exactly the same kind of tone,
except of course that, in the
classical and romantic work, the
1st violin tends to have more
notes to play.

I have never heard a finer
blend of string quartet tone,
and the statement of the "Death
and the Maiden" theme in the
2nd movement was of the
utmost beauty.

Some Hongkong musicians
say American players tend to
play certain works too fast, and
contrast them with the playing
of other ensembles nurtured in
the more conservative European
tradition. For my own taste,
I welcome this variation in
interpretation. Who knows what
tempo Haydn and Mozart
would have used if they had
been composing today?

And, if, following the
Schubert "Struggle with
Death," the Juilliard made one
feel like getting up and dancing
to the Haydn Rondo, then I
feel that it could be called a
not only a compliment to the
Juilliard, but also a compli-
ment to Haydn. After all,
it was Rondo.

Congratulations to Harry
Odell and the Juilliard for a
very fine evening's chamber
music.

Most
POWERFUL
BULB

New York, Apr. 9.
A light bulb developed by the
Duro-Fest Corporation, in co-
operation with the U.S.
Army, was stated today to be
the most powerful in the
world.

The 8,000 watt short-arc bulb
can project rays more than 50
miles and provide about 300,000
lumens of light, the corpora-
tion said.—Reuter.

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TRIED TO GET
AWAY, FINED \$500

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Kowloon Court this morning for dangerous driving.

He was also disqualified from
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A second charge of failing to
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REVERSED
Insp. I. Elias said that at 1 am
on Sunday, Insp. P. Smith was
standing at 300 Prince Edward
road and saw black car
occupies a bus stop.
The car was occupied by a
driver and a passenger who was
in the front seat attempting to

pick up passengers from the bus
stop.
When no passengers boarded
the car it reversed and went to
another bus stop nearby.
Inspector Smith went towards
the car and shone his torch and
indicating that he wanted the
driver to stop.

LOST GRIP
The car reversed again into
Argyle-street for a distance of
101 yards and made a "U" turn
in the course of which its back
bumper knocked down a wire-
mesh fence.
Insp. Smith managed to open
the car door but the car
accelerated and he lost his grip.
The car went towards Kowloon
City.

The driver later yesterday
morning surrendered himself to
the Kowloon Police station.

Captain leaves on second retirement

A 65-year-old master mariner who came here four years
ago on a holiday visit after retirement but found
another job, left in the P & O-Orient liner Orsova
at noon today "intending to retire—again."

He was Captain F. M. Booth,
veteran seafarer formerly with
the China Navigation Co. Ltd.
He retired in 1956 after serving
with the company for 35 years
during which he had commanded
about 20 ships.

He went to the United King-
dom on retirement but return-
ed here the next year to visit
his two daughters, Mrs. I. T.
Townsend and Mrs. T. H. Gould,
and their families.

His return was originally just
a holiday visit, but later he

worked again—with the Shun
Cheong S.N. Company, during
which period he commanded
five ships, the last of which was
the Belinda.

Capt. Booth said he had not
decided where he would prefer
to spend his retirement in
England.

Asked whether he would
come back for another work-
ing visit, he said: "It is pos-
sible but it is not my intention."
Capt. Booth was accompanied
by his wife.

Domestic strife in modern style

Since the passing of the Cavo Men—and wifey tried to
rule the domestic roost, the humble rolling pin has
always been the symbol of female ornament in the
ages-old battle between him and her.

Branding her plain wooden
rolling pin, she has always been
pictured in frowzy nightdress,
awaiting the arrival of the errant
spouse in the wee hours of the
morning.

The entire cartooning art will
have to be revamped in view of
the latest product of a Chicago
firm which manufactures
kitchenware.

Now available in copper, gold
or natural aluminium finish, is a
"high-styled anodized aluminium
rolling pin, set on ball bearings,
with contrasting chrome ends
and handles."

We all know that aluminium
is much lighter than wood—
which is rather fortunate, but
most probably the ball bearings
and chrome ends make up for
the weight differential. If they
don't, then it will necessitate

several wallops on her part to
bring about the previously-
desired effect of one on him.

TEDIOUS PROCEEDINGS
All of this will make for
tedious proceedings in the courts,
as judges and magistrates will
have to go into detailed ques-
tioning in cases where rolling
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assault weapon.

"She hit me on the head with
a rolling pin, yer Honor."

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Court roars with laughter.
Complaint filed with com-
missioner. Judge calls for
evidence. Court reporters rush
for a drink—and so does your
columnist.

Singapore assurance for Indonesia as air show opens

Everything has been practically smooth sailing
for the giant air show which was opened on
Saturday in Singapore and lasts until Monday,
April 17, except for war-jittery Indonesia
alleging that the show was a pretext for
Dutch "U-2 flights" over their territory.

The Djakarta Government has
warned that it would "shoot
down" any aircraft that violated
its air space during the show.
According to an Indonesian
spokesman the warning was
essentially directed at the Dutch
"who may attempt U-2 flights
over Indonesia during the show."

The Singapore Government
assured Indonesia that the air
show was not an excuse for a
military exercise and that in
fact no Dutch aircraft would be
taking part in the display.

Only Commonwealth aircraft
would be taking part in the
flying display, the Government
continued, and it had been
planned so that there would be
no necessity for any of the show
aircraft to fly over Indonesian
territory.

Sixteen countries are partici-
pating in the air show with both
military and civilian aircraft.
Garuda Indonesian Airways is
one of the airlines that have
taken an exhibition stand for
the show.

Meanwhile the Federation
Government is formulating plans
to make "certain her supply lines
are intact and that she will not
be cut off should war break
out between the Indonesians and
the Dutch."

This follows Tengku Abdul
Rahman's feeling that the "very
bad" Dutch-Indonesian situa-
tion would erupt in hostilities
inside 30 days.

The Prime Minister expressed
these grave fears in London and
he added that he had heard
something may happen next
month when an "open clash may
take place."

"The situation there now is
very bad. It has reached the
stage where nothing can be
settled except through good-
will on both sides," the Tengku
said.

Office girls wearing "stiletto"
spiked-heeled shoes in Kuala Lumpur
are having trouble with their
bosses because their
shoes are damaging the
offices' carpets and
floors.

One big employer has already
issued a circular to its staff
requesting "lady members to re-
frain from using stiletto heels."

Girls however said that it all
depended on how women wear
their shoes. "If they dragged
their shoes—and many of them
do—then they would damage
the floor."

"Why should a few girls who
don't know how to walk spoil
our appearance," was the general
consensus among the girls.

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Reporter charged with impersonating police officer

Ngo Kwong-to, 31, of KIL 4, Fuk Lo Chuen-road, first floor, whose occupation was given as a newspaper reporter, appeared before Mr E. Corbally at Central Court this morning charged with attempting to obtain \$100 by false pretences.

He was alternatively charged with impersonating a police officer for the purpose of obtaining \$100.

Mr Lau Ying, proprietor of the Kiu Sing Travel Agency at 22 Gilman Building, first floor, testified that on the morning of March 15 this year, four Chinese men, one of whom he recognised as the defendant, came to his office.

One of the four, Lau said, explained that they had come for the purpose of "developing" a "friendship" with him. He also asked for "tea money". Lau said.

The four then proceeded to leave, Lau went on. One of them, before departing, said to him: "The four of us—each hundred dollars". He added that they would be back in the afternoon.

Shortly past 2 p.m., Lau said, one man turned up. It was the defendant.

Lau asked to see his "pass," which he failed to produce. When Lau showed to a told standing to instruct him to close the door, the defendant started to run out of the door.

He was eventually caught in Tung Man-street near Queen's-road Central.

Mr Peter Wong of Wong and Company is representing the defendant. Detective Tung Chan Sik-kwong prosecuted. Hearing continues.

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Two injured in traffic accidents

A 60-year-old man was injured when he was knocked down by a bus at Cheung Sha Wan-road, near Kwei Lam-street, shortly after 1 pm yesterday.

The injured man, Lee Man-yuk, was admitted to Kowloon Hospital.

A 53-year-old man, Ho Kam, of 494, Portland-street, ground floor, sustained injuries when he was knocked down by a van at Nam King-street, near Sai-choi-street, shortly after 6 pm yesterday. The injured man was admitted to Kowloon Hospital.

New U.S. cars on display

The International Mobile Trade Fair of U.S. products which arrived last week will be officially today at the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godewas Pier No 5 under the patronage of Mr Sam P. Gilman, Acting American Consul General.

In conjunction with the Mobile Trade Fair which features automotive spare parts and accessories, fifteen new 1961 models of American cars will be displayed.

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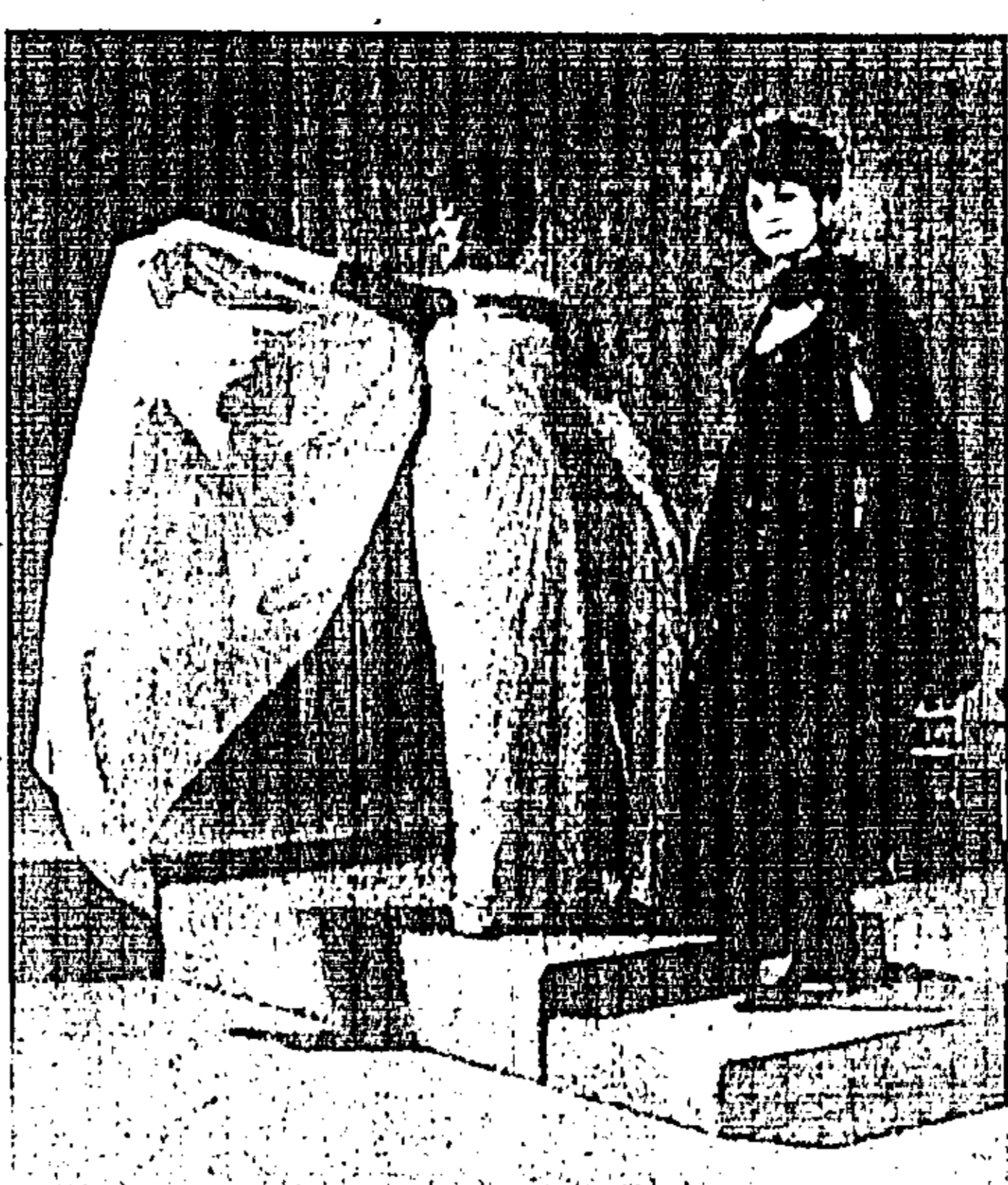
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Fashion treat for Hongkong next week

By SYLVIA DA COSTA ROQUE

Hongkong women will have a fashion-treat next week when they will be able to see five of Europe's most beautiful girls modelling clothes from two of the greatest Parisian fashion houses.

The girls, all title holders in the last Miss World Contest are, Miss Europe, Christine Spatzler; Miss France, Yvette Degremont; Miss Italy, Maria Grazia Incomelli; Miss Germany, Ingrid Hilgard Hoeckel; and Miss Austria, Luisa Kammermayer.

They are the stars of "61 Paris Fashion show"—a fashion parade with a difference. It combines old with new and goes back as far as the 12th Century. The grand climax comes with the 20th Century and clothes by master designers, Maggy Rouff and Jacques Griffe.

Bringing the show to Hongkong is the Comité Français de L'Elegance, of Paris. Coming with the models will be the committee's director, M. Roger Zeller.

The actual presentation of 700 years of fashion which will be staged five times, is in the hands of Mrs Pearl Harford and Tiki Bannett of the local Centre of Elegance.

Tea shows

Three parades will be held at gala dinners in the Ambassador Hotel's 16th floor restaurant on the nights of April 22, 23 and 24. Tea shows will be held in the hotel at 5.30 pm on April 25 and 26.

The mannequins and Mr Zeller left Paris on their Far East tour on March 15, and since then they have been holding parades throughout Japan.

The Comité Française de L'Elegance has been in existence for 12 years, and in that time it has held more than 3,000 parades in almost every country in the world.

Scholar to exhibit paintings

Professor Sheh Hsueh-man, Chinese scholar and head of the Department of Chinese Language and Literature at the Nanyang University, Singapore, is holding an exhibition of Chinese calligraphy and painting, poetic and literary works at St John's Cathedral from tomorrow until Thursday.

In addition to the display of his works, there will also be a section of the exhibits of Mrs Sheh who has specialised in poetry and calligraphy.

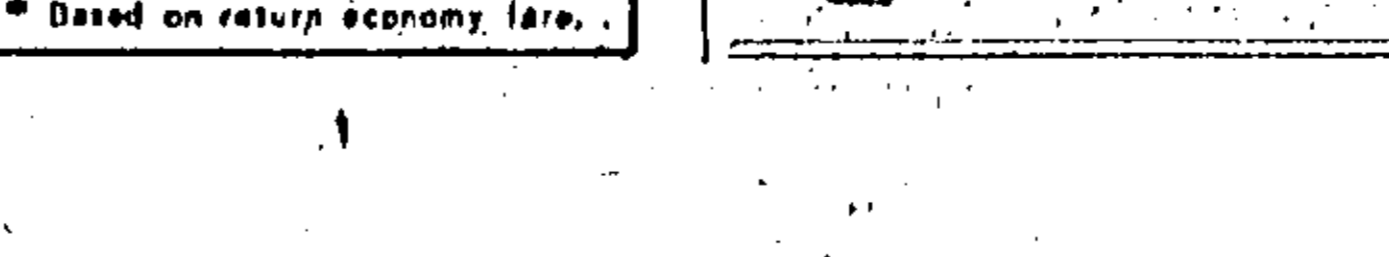
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Do YOU ever dream of giving up work to be an author?

HOW often have you put down a book with the slightly approving, slightly envious verdict: "Not brilliant, but not bad. Not much in it, really; come to think of it, I could have written it myself."

Then there swims before your eyes the golden vision, first conjured up when the school magazine published your account of the school party's trip to France, and the head master said: "Well, if all else fails, I suppose you could be a writer. You don't have to pass any exams for that."

How wonderful, indeed, to be an author. Not necessarily a famous one, but just a moderately successful one; successful enough to rule your own life and never renew another season ticket.

Then, alas, the vision begins to dwindle under the eroding acid of logic and common sense. Supposing you tried it—and flopped. What about the building society payments, the instalments on the car? What about the grocery bill?

The dreams

Must it always be like that? Are there no people who dream the dream and make it come true?

There are. Indeed, I have been talking to such a one. To do so, I went to Keswick, in the heart of the Lake District. I sat in a pleasant room in the sort of house that would cost HK\$50,000 in Surrey, but probably appreciably less in Cumberland. In the field opposite, the sheep grazed on grass which is greener than any in the Southern Region season-ticket area; in the distance there was the silver sheen of Derwentwater; the great

black shoulder of Walla Crag jutted into the skyline.

I was in the home of Robert Neill, novelist.

It could be that you have never heard of Robert Neill. That worries him not at all. For him, fame is not the spur. He has got what he wanted out of authorship: what so many of us yearn for.

And the interesting thing about this donnish man in his middle fifties is this: He has been a full-time author for only ten years.

Yes, he was over 40 when he packed up the safest of all safe jobs and the pension that would have gone with it.

I therefore present this casebook on Robert Neill, novelist, as a firm example of what can be done with common sense and determination by a man who says without the slightest trace of false modesty: "I'm no genius."

Neill went to Cambridge. He read natural history, and holds an M.A. degree.

His first job was just about the most improbable that could be imagined for a man who was

later to earn his living by writing. He was employed as a biologist in some adjunct of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and his task was to assess the nutritive value of the sea mud of the Clyde to the organisms on which fish feed.

Lecturer

Then he turned to teaching. He taught biology in a grammar school at Burton. After wartime service in the Navy, he returned to teaching, and towards the end of the 1940's he was moving into the upper-middle strata of that profession. He was a lecturer at a teachers' training establishment at Cheltenham.

His salary was around HK\$10,000.

It was then that Robert Neill decided he wanted to be an author.

He did not plunge into full-time authorship straight away and gamble everything that he and his wife had won.

Robert Neill is not that sort of man. He did gamble, but it was a gamble on which only he would suffer if it failed.

The critics were kind: "A first novel of some distinction and considerable promise for the future."

"It needs more than favourable reviews. You have to have a bit of luck too," says Neill. "I had my bit of luck with that first book."

It quickly sold 10,000 copies in Britain, a pretty good figure for a first novel, but not sufficient to change a man's way of life. With royalties at 1s 6d a copy the first year's sales brought in £750 (HK\$12,000).

Robert Neill's luck was this: quite unwittingly he had written a book that would sell not only in Britain, but in America. The Americans love the English historical novel. The American book clubs pounce eagerly on each new one of merit. They pounced on *Mist Over Pendle*.

The result was that the income from Neill's first—and most successful—book was rapidly more than doubled.

Now came the moment of decision. Neill had no capital behind him—just what he had saved from his teaching job, and the windfall from *Mist Over Pendle*.

I was invited to lunch with Mr Steidle today. I decided not to risk it.

(London Express Service).

Restow, one of the White House top advisers who has been to Moscow on a special mission, informed Mr. Khrushchev that he should wear a top hat next time he comes to Washington to meet the President.

The United States Information Service does not—I regret—inform me what Mr Khrushchev said in reply.

FOLLOWING last week's mention in this column that "Spectacle" the name chosen by Mr Joseph Fenston for his house must be the most unusual in London, a reader writes to claim an even more unusual name.

His house in Farnborough is called "Isn't."

I phoned to ask why. He said: "There isn't any reason."

End of inquiry.

Meal-time make-up

I MET Max Steidle, from Switzerland, who is planning to introduce a new line of cosmetics, made mostly from cucumbers.

He said: "The juice of cucumbers has many beautify-

I'M intrigued to read that Mrs Jean Gavin, wife of General Gavin, the new American Ambassador to France, has changed her name to Jeanno, so that "fifty million Frenchmen won't think I'm a man."

It's a tough life for an ambassador's wife.

Topper tip for Mr K

THE United States Information Service informs me that Dr Walt W.

LOGAN GOURLAY

The thrusting Mr D has plans for Britain

HE is Louis Franklin Edgar Detwiler the fifth. And there couldn't, I trust, be another like him.

When the Congo got its chaotic independence he leaped into the news as the man who signed a contract with Premier Patrice Lumumba for the development of the vast mineral and economic resources.

American magazines referred to him as a business tycoon and promoter.

For once they were indulging in understatement.

Roaring

Detwiler makes the usual American tycoon seem modest, reserved, and laconic.

I once called him a roaring Niagara of words and statistics. And that was an understatement too.

His vocabulary is composed mainly of statistics. He sprays them out like an electronic brain with a screw loose.

The statistics, which are often computed accurately, are always linked to some kind of grandiose building and development scheme.

When I last met him, in Lisbon, he was planning to transform tourism by—among other things—building a fleet of 100,000-ton Transatlantic liners each costing £40,000,000, to bring over thousands of American tourists of £60 for a return ticket.

Now he has turned up in London with a new set of statistics and plans for probably the most grandiose scheme of all.

He spread the plans out on the bed in his Dorchester Hotel room. He talked. I listened.

"We want to build here in London a British Commonwealth Exhibition and Trade Centre," he said. "It will be the largest and most important in the world."

"I'll tell you why I choose London. It's one of the world's great capitals and centres of commerce. So in New York."

"But London is also the capital of the Commonwealth, and that takes in about 800 million people—even without South Africa."

"Yes, sir, this is the place. We want to build the centre on the site of the old Croydon airport, covering an area of about 450 acres."

"It will cost about £50,000,000 to £60,000,000. But that's not important. The money's available."

"What we need is permission from the Ministries and local authorities."

"My associate, Sir Andrew MacTaggart is already in touch with the Ministry of Housing."

"I've shown the plans to Jack Cotton and Lord Rootes, and they are very impressed."

"The main auditorium building will have a dominating central tower 400ft. high."

"Surrounding it will be a number of lesser towers, 180ft. high, designed as office buildings. Each building will be named after one of the Commonwealth countries."

"In the main auditorium there will be a unique type of theatre area, seating 50,000 people."

"There will be television screens in the roof so that the people at the back can see what's happening at the front."

"Altogether, the centre with a number of smaller conference and public rooms will be able to accommodate a total of more than 200,000 people."

"It will have a ballroom for 10,000 people, a cafeteria for the same number, three theatres, 200 shops and stores."

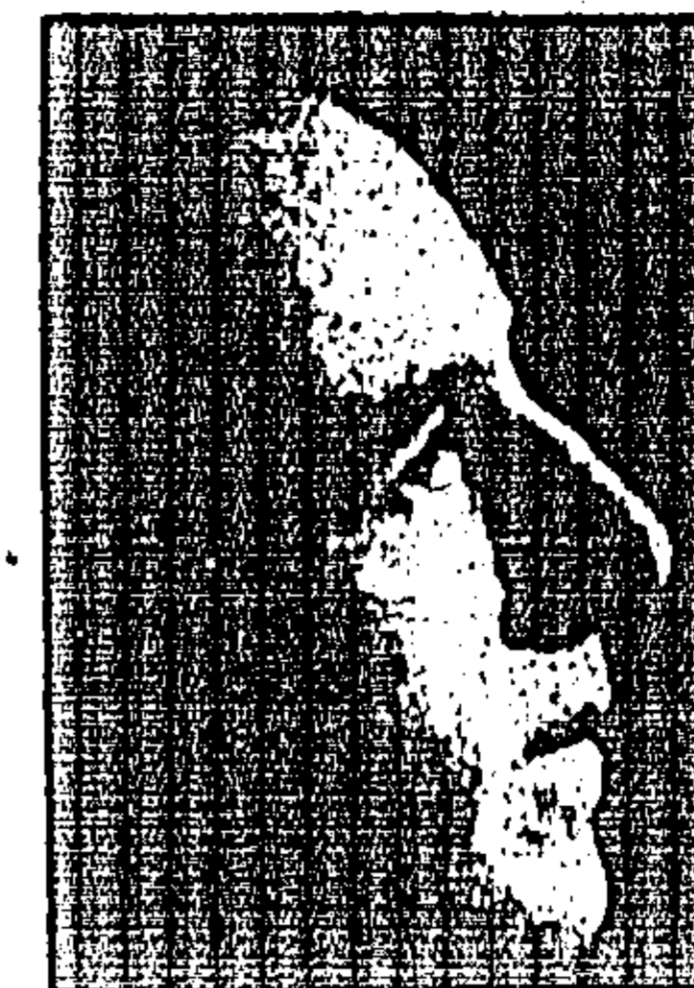
"Let's see, what else can I tell you?" I said. He had told me enough, but I might as well have tried to dam Niagara with an umbrella.

Prestige

A well-built man of 62, he was pacing the room jerkily. His eyes were shining with missionary zeal; his ears were hearing nothing but the sound he likes above all others.



THE MAN AND HIS BOOK —Robert Neill and the historical novel that enabled him to give up teaching and the making of sea mud and become a full-time author.



PRESENTING A CASEBOOK ON A MAN WHO TOOK HIS BIGGEST RISK AT 40

Was that enough? "I wasn't sure," Neill told me. "It was my wife who decided in the end."

"She said: 'You can't go on like this for ever, working until nearly midnight every night. You've got to decide whether you want to write or teach. Which is it going to be?'"

"Yes, it was she who gave me the push I needed."

I suspect it was only the gentlest of pushes. Not much more than a nudge.

Every year since then, Neill has turned out a novel. Some of them have come near the hard-back sales of his first book, but none has exceeded it. He has never written a really big-money winner. But the American book clubs have always rallied round.

Rigid rule

I asked him if authorship had ever left him unable to pay the gas bill.

"No," he said. "I've never been that hard up. The bank account's been up and down, and we've often had to be careful."

"And I've kept to one absolutely rigid rule. We never buy a single thing on hire purchase."

"Authors, you know, get their pay cheques once every six months, and that's a long time to wait. You can live cheaply if you work at home. You don't need to spend much on clothes."

"I've always been pretty sure that the next pay cheque would meet the food bill for six months. But it would have been too risky to start mortgaging the income in advance on payments for a car."

Mr Neill has a car (paid for). He took me for a run in it round Derwentwater. We passed a large house on the opposite side of the lake to Neill's home.

"You see that?" said Neill. "That's why there's no chance of an author winning any great prize in Keswick. That's where Hugh Walpole lived."

Mr Neill was not at all depressed.

He wrote his first four or five books while he was still living at Cheltenham.

It was the price of ham that resulted in his moving to his present delightful home.

Mr Neill cannot remember the exact price of the half-pound of ham which he brought in one day at his wife's request, but he does remember his wife's reaction.

'Time we left'

"Scandalous," said Mrs Neill, who is normally a placid and gentle woman. "If that's what they charge for ham in Cheltenham, it's time we left Cheltenham."

A wife can say that sort of thing, and mean it, if her husband is an author. That week-end the Neills drove north. They found what they wanted on the outskirts of Keswick.

There he will continue to turn out his one novel a year, working five or six hours a day, gardening in the afternoon ("the neighbours think I don't do any work at all") and performing the duties of spokesman at a village church on Sundays.

He will never be another Walpole. But Robert Neill has other standards of success. "If you can be able to take a taxi when there's a bus going the same way, then I'm a success," he said.

Not a very spectacular story, his, you might think. The Neills never starved. They never pawned the furniture.

Yet this quiet couple have turned their backs on the rewards which people take for granted in other professions: "Assured prospects, life, insurance scheme...pension."

One long illness could disastrously disrupt their pleasant existence.

But despite all this, I would not be surprised if the story of Robert Neill leads to quite a few first novels being started this weekend.

After all, the suburban trains get more crowded every day; and the property agents in Keswick are waiting to do business.



PUSH-OVER BID

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WOMANSENSE

from

Veronica

Papworth

COULD THIS FASHION EVER COME BACK?

ALMOST everybody agrees that there is nothing quite so dangerous as putting back the clock in fashion. The cent soon borders on fancy dress—especially when the style is one so many remember.

All those early pictures of mama on the beach at Le Touquet looking self-consistently nonchalant with her silly big hat, her cigarette holder, and those extraordinary beach pyjamas are conjured up at the sight of the Very Latest Culotte (you can call it a divided skirt)—tipped as a forerunner of a totally new look in leisure wear.

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CULOTTE BY YOUNG JACOB

LADY LUCK

YOUR CHINA MAIL HOROSCOPE

MONDAY, APRIL 10

- AQUARIUS** (January 21-February 18): A final peaceful settlement of a dispute of long standing seems indicated in the near future.
- PISCES** (February 19-March 20): An urgent job demands undivided attention for its proper execution. You can do it if you make up your mind to ignore interruptions.
- ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Stubbornness could lead to an injudicious move on your part, and you ought to try and see the other person's point of view.
- TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Because of a new emotional attachment you may be spending more than you can really afford. If it is to be a lasting relationship, you must be frank about your resources.
- GEMINI** (May 21-June 21): It may be rather difficult at first to adapt yourself to a decided change in your routine, but you should welcome the chance to get out of your present rut.
- CANCER** (June 22-July 21): An important job you have on hand should be attended to this morning. You can easily deal with routine matters in the afternoon.
- LEO** (July 22-August 21): You will reap the reward for a past favour to a friend in a special treat he is planning for you.
- VIRGO** (August 22-September 22): An offer received through the post may give you an unusual opportunity to make some extra money.
- LIBRA** (September 23-October 22): An unsolicited kindness done when you most appreciate it will restore any faith you may have lost in human nature.
- SCORPIO** (October 23-November 21): Pay less attention to local gossip, and especially disregard any damaging allusions to a friend's character.
- SAGITTARIUS** (November 22-December 21): Refuse to take part in an outdoor activity which you know beforehand is not in keeping with your skill or inclination.
- CAPRICORN** (December 22-January 20): An important letter ought to be written today, even if you don't feel in the right mood for it.
- YOUR BIRTHDAY**: If your birthday is this week, you will find a symbol of good fortune in a gift of a reproduction of a favourite picture.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

If South plays the queen of spades on West's ten it will ensure two spade tricks for him. It also should lose his contract for him.

East will go up with the ace of spades and will see that South now holds two spade stoppers. East will also be looking at dummy's ace-queen of diamonds and will realise that his only possible chance to beat three no-trump will be with the heart suit.

East will lay down the ace of hearts; West will signal with the nine and the rubber will still be going on.

A far better play by South is the nine of spades. East will see that he can establish five spade tricks for himself by

NORTH 23			
♠Q9	♦Q42	♣A87	♠J832
WEST			
♠103	♦A7652	♣A93	♠J93
♠KJ98	♦106542	♣10	
♠85			
SOUTH			
♠K84	♦K	♣A764	
♠1076			
♠K			
Both vulnerable			
East	South	West	North
1♠	2♣	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♠10			

Q—The bidding has been:
North East South West
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
1NT Pass 2♥ Pass
2♥ Pass ?

You, South, hold:
♠KJ98 ♥K32 ♦A854 ♣A
What do you do?

A—Bid three hearts. Even though your partner did not rebid hearts immediately, your hand is well worth this raise.

TODAY'S QUESTION
Instead of rebidding one no-trump North rebids two hearts after your one spade bid. What do you do now?

Answer Tomorrow

simply playing low. South will take his king of spades, six clubs and three diamonds and will be home with the rubber while East is still waiting.

In order to forestall those readers who will write to explain that East should not fall for this play, I agree with them in advance. East should realise that irrespective of anything else South will be able to run at least nine tricks in clubs and diamonds and that his only chance to beat the hand will be to take the ace of spades and play hearts, but most Easts I have known will still go wrong.

BEAUTY HINTS

Lemon juice and cider vinegar are probably the best known liquids for slimming. For a gentle loss of weight take a tablespoon of pure lemon juice in a wine-glass of warm water regularly every morning and don't add sugar.

Before retiring each night massage a heavy cream into the hands and then slip on a thin pair of cotton gloves. During the night the cream will have a softening and nourishing effect.

Always soften a stiff foundation cream in the palm of the hand, before applying in thin dabs over the face and neck.

A little rouge blended into the chin and eyelids will help to give a round face length.

Regular brushing will train and improve wavy eyebrows. A drop of cologne or toilet water often helps to smooth them down.

For a dry-lined throat tilt head back slightly and stroke a rich, lanoline-based cream up from the base of the

throat to the chin line. Ten good, firm strokes every night will do wonders for a lined and flabby throat.

Use a spiral brush, twirled between finger and thumb to apply mascara. Two thin coats, applied with hot water, look smoother than one thick one. Separate lashes with a clean brush.

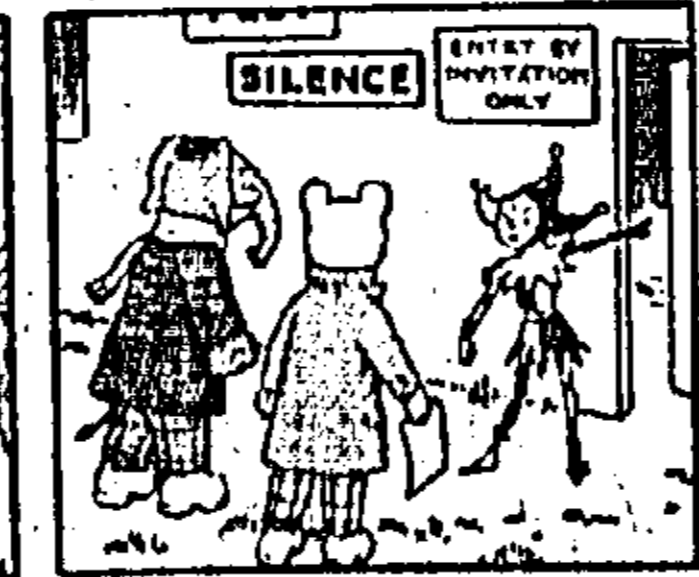
It is always a mistake to apply nail varnish in the direct path of a fan or in front of an open window. Any air disturbances will cause bubbles in the varnish which will transfer themselves to the nail surface.

Learn to relax your eyes. You will find it helpful if you are engaged on close work such as sewing or flowers. Cup your palms over your eyes and relax until you can see nothing but darkness.

Rupert and the Paper-fall—22



Following the direction that Edward is pointing Rupert stands in astonishment. Those buildings stuck right in the wood, they weren't there a minute ago! Or were they? Surely we must have seen them. They weren't there, says Edward stolidly. They can't see the little forest, for he can't see the little forest, for he



is already marching towards a doorway, and the two girls follow. "Now then, keep your voices down," whispers the little sister as they join him. "Only one of you can come in. We can't have young elephants in here, so the little bear must come with me. The elephant must stay outside."

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SECOND PART OF A REPORT ON THE FASTEST-GROWING INFLUENCE IN FASHION

Where what a woman says really goes...

New York.

ONE of the most fundamental truths to be grasped about American fashion is that it IS a woman's world, run very largely by women with tremendous energy and enthusiasm to give to their jobs, and a professionalism that would leave most of their English opposite numbers gasping at the starting-post.

The most powerful organisation inside the business — the Fashion Group — is 100 per cent feminine.

The most potent influence in the fashion world is a woman — Eleanor Lambert, strikes one about many of the queen of the publicist, the most glamorous fashion magazines, forthright and feared fashion (Even when the photographer critic is a woman — Eugenia is a man, he still works with a Sheppard, of the Herald-Tribune, the chief store in town, his neck).

Henri Bendel, is run by a charming 35-year-old woman, Gerry Strutz; and when I was taken to lunch in one of New York's three smartest restaurants, the waiter explained its Sahara-like emptiness by reminding us that it was the day of the Fashion Group luncheon.

Concentrated

Hard to imagine the Savoy or the Mirabelle being cleared by any event in the English fashion calendar...

In the American fashion scene, this great gulping wind of concentrated feminism is the first thing that hits you, and it explains many things about American fashion.

IT EXPLAINS why the two most enduring looks on the middle-price market are the perennial shirtwaist and those prim little sheath dresses topped by teenage cropped boleros—little-girl looks, both of them.

IT EXPLAINS the delicious abundance of pretty cotton and tweelling-at-home robes to slip into at the end of a tiring day for women round heated American apartments.

IT EXPLAINS the floods of fancy, flowered hats that appear every spring.

IT EXPLAINS the curiously aseptic boyish quality that strikes one about many of the glossiest fashion magazines. (Even when the photographer is a man, he still works with a Sheppard, of the Herald-Tribune, the chief store in town, his neck).

It may even be part of the explanation for the vertiginous speed at which fashions bloom, wilt and are slung into the garbage-can. Men, after all, have more highly-developed conservative instincts than women. Much of the strength and much of the weakness — of American fashion comes from this feminist direction. And perhaps both can be summed up in the word "professional."

Imagine it here!

ON the American scene the Fashion Group is a major influence.

An organisation about 30 years old, it acts as a clearing-house for information of kind remotely concerned with fashion (automobile makers are among those happy to draw on its resources); helps its members along with their careers; organises fashion shows and displays for informative, rather than promotional reasons, which gives them an added lustre of authority.

Its 3,000-strong membership is limited to women executives who have held down their jobs in fashion or related fields for at least five years; and membership is regarded as a shining professional cachet.

No organisation of the kind exists in this country, and it is hard to imagine it against a London setting. The English have never been able to take fashion quite as seriously as that: a charming amateurism is much more their line.



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At £15 an hour, not a second to lose

THE American devotion to professionalism is very true of the modelling business.

In London, if a model is booked for an hour, nobody worries enormously if the sitting over-runs by 10 or 15 minutes. But in New York, where relative newcomers can be paid as much as £15 an hour—HK\$240—every second counts.

Photographer and fashion editor work like demons, the girls turn up on the minute and, if humanly possible, depart on the minute. The time-frittering chat, the gossip, coffee-sessions that go on in English studios would be unthinkable.

Equipped

By the same token, New York studios are equipped with a battery of accessories — gloves, jewellery, odd scarves, shoes — whereas at least two first-

class English studios I know could not raise a pair of white gloves between them.

The same professionalism goes into the training of models. Eileen Ford, who runs the best-known agency in town, spends hours teaching her models how to use make-up properly, where to get their hair done, how much weight to lose and how, what managements to discard — then watches anxiously over their progress.

Typical example of her thoroughness: 23-year-old Pia Rosselli, who recently filled nearly a whole issue of Vogue. Fine bones point up the 20lb. Eileen talked her into shedding a softer, flatter make-up — replaces the bright soubrette mask ("I always used to claim the make-up on thickly before Eileen showed me how"); her hair is soft and simple.

"In Europe," says Pia, who modelled there in her pre-Ford days, "fashion photography doesn't seem as serious as it is here..."

—(London Express Service).

To be continued tomorrow

STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Friday Night Hunt

—Knarf, Teddy And Hi Are Taken For A Ride—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the Shadow Boy with the Turned-About Name, went up to General Tin, the Tin Soldier.

He was standing as usual by the side of the door, very tall, very straight, very handsome, with his mustel over his shoulder.

Knarf saluted. Then he said, "General Tin, are you going hunting tonight?"

"Sir," said General Tin, "I go hunting every Thursday night. 'Tonight is Friday,' said Knarf.

"I also go hunting every Friday night. Only," he added, "on Friday nights I hunt Friday night Animals."

Knarf said, "Oh!" and looked puzzled. Then he said,

"Pardon me, General Tin, are Friday night Animals different from Thursday night Animals?"

"Sir," said General Tin, "is Thursday night like Friday night?"

"No," said Knarf, "but—" They're different.

General Tin cut him off. "Friday night Animals are different from Thursday night Animals, just as Friday night is different from Thursday night and vice versa."

Knarf wondered what all this meant. Thursday nights, continued General Tin, giving Knarf a sharp stare to make sure that he was listening. "I hunt Lions and Tigers. But on

General Tin clicked his tongue and Whoa began rocking back and forth. He rocked fast and furiously.

"Faster!" urged General Tin. "Go faster!"

General Tin held onto the Horse's neck. Knarf held onto General Tin. Hiawatha held onto Knarf. Teddy tried to hold onto Hiawatha, but Hiawatha was too smooth and slippery.

Suddenly Teddy slid down the Horse's tail and landed with a bump on the floor.

"Wait for me!" shouted Teddy. "Stop rocking that Horse so I can climb on again!"

"Too late," said General Tin. "We can't wait! Faster! Faster!"

Hiawatha only granted. Then he wrapped his blanket around his head and went to sleep.

"Faster!" shouted General Tin. Whoa, the Hobby Horse, rocked so hard that Knarf was thrown out of the saddle. He came down on the floor.

"Now we're all here," said Teddy gleefully.

Knarf did his best to get on the Horse's back again. "Too late! Too late!" shouted General Tin.

"It isn't too late at all, General Tin," said Knarf. "You're still right here!"



"Going hunting tonight?" Knarf asked General Tin.

until he steps. Then we can all go hunting."

They waited for quite a while. Finally Teddy started to yawn and decided to crawl under Hiawatha's blanket. A few minutes after Knarf did the same thing.

"Faster! Faster!" they heard General Tin's voice saying. And to the sound of those words they fell asleep.

When they awoke

The sun was streaming into the room when they woke up. When the Hobby Horse, was quite still. General Tin was back in his usual position by the side of the door, standing tall, straight, handsome and with his mustel over his shoulder.

"Good morning, General Tin," said Knarf.

"Hi, General," said Teddy. Hiawatha just nodded.

"Sir," said General Tin, "you missed the best hunting of your lives. I not only caught Lions and Tigers but big Lions and Tigers!"

"Gosh!" said Knarf and Teddy. "But Hiawatha—he didn't say a thing, except 'Pooh!'"

BAGS OF BRAZILIAN BULL

Some reflections on HK football's blackest day

By I. M. MacTAVISH

A bombastic display of arrogance coupled with a show of tawdry temperamental tantrums put the visiting Madureira footballers from Brazil right at the top of the list of soccerites we do not want to see again.

Saturday, April 8, 1961 is a date we are not likely to forget for a long time. In something under 80 minutes the ballyragging Brazilians made themselves the most disliked — maybe detested is a better word — characters around these parts.

Their conduct, however, explained a lot. We know now why the high wire fences, barriers and masts are necessary around the playing fields in their part of the world. It was quite an experience to watch one side systematically destroy everything that "football" and "sportsmanship" really stand for. Two of our kind in opposition must be just about civilisation's most potentially explosive way of legally endangering public safety.

By now you will have read and heard various accounts of how — with the score at 3-0 to the visitors — the referee abandoned the game against All-Hongkong when 12 minutes still remained for play.

You will know too, how the crowd reacted and how only a superlatively balanced handling of the tough situation by the Police prevented the whole affair from flaring up into what could have been a full scale mob-rule riot.

So degrading

At one stage it needed only a single false move to set violence going that it was not made must stand as a lasting tribute to the sanity of the Senior Police Officers on the spot. Without cool heads and astute judgment, this brawling incident could have been much more — much more than just a football crowd demonstrating disapproval.

The display given by the visitors was so degrading, and that by the All-Hongkong side so lifeless and so colourless, that it could be misinterpreted to say that the Police effort were but for the best of the day. . . . but it is sincerely meant as a compliment for a difficult job excellently done.

Much of what finally happened centred on three people out on the field. The first of these was Alides Santos, the Brazilian outside-left, the second was Luk Tat-nay, the Colony right-back — and finally, of course, Forbes Burn the referee.

Let's take them in that order. In a bout of mazy Madureira interpassing tempers, a big frayed as the ball was passed from Brazilian to Brazilian 17 times without a Hongkong player getting within a yard of it. While my mind flashed back to a similar humiliating and provocative exhibition perpetrated by our own players when the Malaysians were here not so very long ago, Santos had a fly niggling kick at Luk Tat-nay behind the referee's back.

The big question

When the ball was eventually returned to Santos he never really knew what hit him as Luk Tat-nay crashed into the lucie. It was a thoughtless burst of irresponsibility by a fine player who has recently done much to wipe out the memory of his turbulent youth. The referee — and rightly — had no hesitation in sending him packing to the dressing room. I'm pretty certain Luk has spent the weekend telling himself all the blithering idiots for allowing himself to be provoked as he was. His own club, South China, look like being the big sufferers. They have an important Senior Shield semi-final replay next Sunday and it is long odds they will be without their right-back. The heavy responsibility that rested on his shoulders in this explosive game merely makes his offence all the greater and unless there's a hidden side to the story it seems likely he can keep him from a heavy suspension. He will have a lot of sympathy but that can never be a justification for an act such as his.

The third man — and his name was probably the most widely discussed in Hongkong over the weekend — was referee Burn.

The big question being asked in every corner of the community was: "UP to the situation justify the referee's decision to stop the game?"

Make no mistake about it, Mr Burn did the only thing any self-respecting referee could do. It was impossible to let the game continue when

his authority was being flouted at every turn by the demonstration of the great tragedy of the day was that he did not call a halt earlier in the second half when the Brazilians refused to continue after he had awarded an indirect free-kick against them in a penalty area. The five or six-minute hiatus and the deplorable behaviour of both the visiting players and their officials was a shocking situation.

A stoppage at that stage would have been fully justified and I believe the fans, who were fed up to the teeth with their stupid Latin American tantrums, would have accepted it with understanding. Apart from anything else if the game had been halted at a time when the Brazilians were fully refusing to play the football they were being paid to play, the HKFA would have been in a much better position to take suitable action.

Now having said all those things and having made the point that almost everything in the visitors' conduct was most reprehensible let me be quite fair and make it clear that I did not think the referee had a good game. I thought he missed an opportunity to establish his authority by the start and his reluctance to apply the advantage rule quite obviously irritated both teams.

Far from blameless

The referee was right to stop the game. He should in fact have done it much sooner.

For a lot of what happened the HKFA is far from blameless. Since the visitors arrived in the Colony they have been pampered and exhibited no doubt in an effort to swell the gate on Saturday. The decision by the local Association to accept the iniquitous Brazilian proposal that substitutes be allowed at any time in the game — and not in accordance with FIFA rules up to the 44th minute — places Hongkong, as the host Association, in a most invidious position. It was an agreement that should never have been made. No doubt the visitors having got their way in this matter considered the local Association sufficiently indebted to be exploited on others. The latter force which developed is a black mark to Brazil but, regrettably, it is no credit to us either.

And what of the much-changed Hongkong team? Any judgement on them would be a sad miscarriage of justice. Whatever spirit the players had for the game was knocked out of them even before they took the field. Stories in the vernacular press on Saturday morning were certainly no encouragement to put everything into the struggle and several of them looked as though they would have been just as happy on a seat in the stand.

Unusual formation

Only Wong Shu-wan and Wong Man-wai played to form. The South China contingent of Kwok Kam-hung, Lo Chuk-kwong, Wong Chi-keung, Kwok Yau and Mok Chun-wah seemed to be playing with one eye on the ball and the other on next Sunday's Senior Shield replay. . . . In fact little Wong Chi-keung, who carried the tag of "skipper", has never produced a poorer representative display.

Kung Wah-ki had a debut in All-Hongkong colours and, while Lau Chi-lam got through a lot of work, Kwok Moon-wah would probably have been as much sweat in a Mah Jong school.

Quite apart from their behaviour the visitors did nothing to enhance the reputation of Brazil as the soccer champions of the world. Tactically, however, they provided one interesting point.

Their unusual formation of a line of four defenders, a single link-man in between and five forwards gave them a look of solidarity behind but the attack was very weak. One wondered where centre-forward Verissimo got his much publicised reputa-

tion. In fact only Odor Costa, full-backs Santos and Oliveira and the left-wing pair of Nelson and Osvaldo looked like good class players. The captain Nascimento had a lot of ability but he will be remembered mainly as the ring-leader of all the unpleasantness.

Frankly it was something of a relief to hear that the authorities had advised the cancellation of yesterday's game — that's the most pointed comment I can make on Saturday's affair.

HKFA directive?

The Hongkong Football Association should issue a definite directive to referees about the assistance to which any injured player is entitled. No referee — unless he be a doctor — is in position to decide on the extent of an injury by a quick superficial inspection. It is not his job. Serious physical damage can be sustained in the simplest way imaginable and an injured player deserves expert treatment. . . . he must also be given the benefit of the doubt even when the apparent seriousness of his injury is suspect.

Our Colony referees have developed a passion for getting on with the game — and, except in the case of injury, it is a laudable idea. . . . but team officials must be given a fair on-the-spot opportunity to examine and, if necessary, treat a player before the referee gives the "card-sharp" order. It's a easy matter to time a stoppage and the intense hostility, such as that stirred up on Saturday with the Brazilians, can surely be replaced by a more dignified scene.

Finally . . . to the Madureira brand of Brazilians . . . the pass-on word is . . . Nuts!



China's first world champion table tennis team. From left they are: Jung Kuo-tuan (former Hongkong champion), Wang Chuan-yao, Hsu Yin-sheng, Chuang Tso-tung and Li Fu-jung.

Apartheid barrier broken in South African sport

Johannesburg, Apr. 9. The apartheid barrier in South African sport has been broken.

Sowsunier Sewgolum, the Indian from Durban, who is the Dutch Open golf champion was the first to shatter it when he played in the South African Open Championship at East London.

Permission for him to play was given by the Minister of the Interior, Senator Jantjie Klerk, who stated that this should not be regarded as a precedent. But it was one. And not only was it a precedent, but it became the open door.

ALL SPORTS AFFECTED

All sports will be affected from now on. The South African Amateur Boxing Association has announced that in future, Springbok teams will include non-whites who must also be from the neighbouring Rhodesia. A similar announcement has come from the country's Athletic Association.

This means that when South African teams compete in future Olympics, they will include non-whites — something that was unthinkable even a year ago. The apartheid barrier, Rhodesian Federation, multi-racial sport is already in existence. Non-whites play in the soccer league and black athletes compete with distinction at athletics meetings.

There is a vast, untapped reservoir of non-white sport in South Africa, at present still in the primitive stage.

Possibly the first non-whites to be part of a South African team at the 1964 Olympics will be boxers. A Springbok cricket team is due to tour Ireland in a few months time, and it has been stated that at least two non-whites will be in the side. —Reuter.

Thrilling World Table Tennis finals CHINA THE NEW MEN'S TEAM EVENT CHAMPIONS

JAPAN RETAINS WOMEN'S CUP

Peking, Apr. 9. China tonight wrested the Swaythling Cup, emblem of the Men's Table Tennis World Championship, from Japan.

They won a hard-fought, see-saw battle here by five matches to three to end a run by Japan of five successive victories in the final.

The Corbillion Cup for women, stays in the hands of Japan. They beat the Chinese girls 3-2 in another tough final.

Earlier today, both Japan and China had beaten Hungary in play-offs in the final Swaythling Cup series. Japan won 5-2, and China 5-1. In the Corbillion Cup play-offs, Rumania went down 3-0, but put up a better display against China, losing 2-3.

The Swaythling Cup final was so close that neither team ever had a lead of more than one match until China went ahead from 4-3 to win the trophy.

Below best

China started well when Chuang Tso-tung beat Japanese champion Noriyo Hoshino, but they lost the next two games.

Hoshino, however, was well below his best, losing all his three matches, and Ichiro Ogimura, Japan's former world titleholder, who had looked almost unbeatable against Hungarians earlier in the day, faded badly after winning his first match.

Chuang beat him to make the score 3-2 to China, and then

when Japan badly needed a win at 3-3, Ogimura flopped to a 7-21, 8-21 defeat against Hsu Yung-sheng.

The Chinese forced the pace throughout and concentrated on Ogimura's backhand, which he was unable to get working properly.

Grand fightback

The Japanese two-girl team of Kimiko Matsuzaki and Kazuko Itoh fought back magnificently to retain the Corbillion Cup after trailing 1-2.

Matsuzaki was in great form in the singles, winning both of her matches, and after unexpectedly losing the doubles to Sun Nei-ying and Chiu Chung-hui, she and Itoh made no mistake in the remaining two singles. Full scores in today's deciding matches were:

SWAYTHLING CUP FINAL
China beat Japan 5-3
Chuang Tso-tung beat N. Hoshino 21-14, 21-12, 21-15, 21-17, 21-13; Ichiro Ogimura lost to Chiu Chung-hui 10-21, 21-17, 21-19, 21-18; Matsuzaki beat N. Hoshino 17-21, 21-14, 21-18; Chuang Tso-tung beat Ichiro Ogimura 21-13, 21-13; Sun Nei-ying lost to Koji Kimura 11-21, 21-16, 17-21; Hsu Yin-sheng beat Ichiro Ogimura 21-15, 21-13; Chuang Tso-tung beat N. Hoshino 21-15, 21-22, 21-18.
CORBILION CUP FINAL
Japan beat China 3-2
(Japanese names first)
Kimiko Matsuzaki beat Sun Nei-ying 21-22, 21-14, 21-15; Kazuko Itoh lost to Chiu Chung-hui 10-21, 21-17, 21-19; Matsuzaki and Itoh beat Chiu Chung-hui and Sun Nei-ying 21-12, 21-4, 21-21; Matsuzaki beat Chiu Chung-hui 21-15, 21-13; Itoh beat Sun Nei-ying 21-9, 21-16. —Reuter.

U.S. MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL OPENS THIS WEEK

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New York, Apr. 9. A new era of Major League baseball officially begins this week when the National and American Leagues start their 1961 pennant races with all the frills and hoopla of a circus parade.

The American League, which stole a jump on the National by expanding to 13 teams this year, starts one day ahead of its ancient rival with its traditional "presidential opener" in Washington, D.C. tomorrow.

President Kennedy will be on hand to see the Chicago White Sox launch the season against the Washington Senators, one of the League's newly-created teams. The 10 other teams all swing into action on Tuesday with Chicago at Cincinnati, St. Louis at Milwaukee, Philadelphia at Los Angeles (night) and Pittsburgh at San Francisco in the National and Kansas City at Boston, Minnesota at New York, Los Angeles at Baltimore and Cleveland at Detroit in the American.

Record attendance

Baseball organizers, led by Commissioner Ford Frick predict that the combination of expansion in new AL sites and two balanced races will produce a new record season attendance, perhaps as high as 22 millions.

The experts agree that the New York Yankees will prove every bit as tough under Ralph Houk as they were for 12 years under Casey Stengel and are predicting that they may romp to an easy American League pennant victory.

Professional odds-makers have made the Yankees odds-on choices and the Yankees were the overwhelming favourites in polling by the United Press International's board of 37 baseball experts.

The world champion Pittsburgh Pirates are not rated nearly as highly as the Yankees and, in fact, were rated second to the Los Angeles Dodgers in

the UPI rankings. The word from experts who view the teams in spring training is that the Dodgers are "loaded" with the type of swift young players who could dominate the League for many years.

Strongest threats

The Baltimore Orioles and White Sox are rated the strongest threats to the Yankees in the American League.

Paul Richards' Oriole team was only one percentage point out of first place in September. It is still short of power, but probably has the strongest pitching staff in either League.

The White Sox are neatly balanced offensively and defensively but their pitching staff may be just a bit too old.

None of the other American League teams has given serious chance to win the pennant although some experts expect the Twins (The 1960 Senators) to be a contender.

The expanded AL is embarking on the first 162-game schedule in Major League history and the additional eight games are expected to show in the records in a variety of ways. Few expect any of baseball's hallowed records, such as Babe Ruth's 60 homers in one season, to be surpassed as a result of it, however.

The Pirates spent much of the winter hearing and reading how they never should have won the World Series and they've been hearing all spring that they won't repeat as National League champions. Manager Danny Murtaugh and League batting champion and MVP Dick Groat however, insist that the Bucc 1959 victory was no fluke.

In the south just about everybody was giving the pennant to the Dodgers except Manager Walt Alton. And there are many experts who think the Braves, Cardinals and possibly the Giants will provide serious competition for the pennant. A five-team race is always unlikely but it is a possibility in the NL this year. —UPI.

Asian Youth Soccer Tournament begins tomorrow

Bangkok, Apr. 9. Thailand's King and Queen will tomorrow open the third annual Asian Youth Soccer Tournament, first to be held in Thailand at ceremonies in Bangkok's National Stadium.

After the formal opening 104 of Asia's finest young soccer players from ten nations — South Korea, South Vietnam, Malaysia, Ceylon, Japan, Singapore, Burma, Taiwan, Indonesia, Thailand — will compete in a ten-day tournament for the honour of being called Asia's best youth team.

For the past two years when the tournament was held in Malaysia, South Koreans have carried away the trophy and if they can repeat their feat this time they will permanently keep the cup donated by Malaysia, originators of the tournament.

First match

Tomorrow morning the King and the Minister of the Interior, Phrayas Charusathir, whose ministry has co-sponsored the tournament with the Football Association of Thailand will welcome the players and after a flag-raising ceremony will declare the tournament open. Thailand, the host country, will face Taiwan in the first match of the tournament with Japan meeting Singapore in the second feature match of the evening. Two divisions of five teams each have been created. The top teams in the two divisions will play off for the title and the runners-up in each division will compete for third and fourth places in the tournament.

The final and semi-final will be held on the last day of the tournament, April 20. Division "A" consists of Korea, Indonesia, Japan, Singapore, and Vietnam, while Malaysia, Burma, Taiwan, Ceylon and Thailand comprise Division "B". —AFP.

Denmark's Thomas Cup team

Copenhagen, Apr. 8. The Danish team to play in the Thomas Cup finals in Indonesia in June was announced here today by the Danish Badminton Association selection committee. It is: Erlend Kops, Finn Kobber, Joergen Hammergaard Hansen, Poul Nielsen, Knud Nielsen and Henning Borch. —China Mail Special.

Real Madrid beaten in Spanish League

Madrid, Apr. 8. Real Madrid, who have already clinched the League Championship, were beaten today in the Spanish First Division for the first time since September 11 last year.

Real were beaten 3-1 away from home by the lowly-placed Valladolid Club. It was only Real's second League defeat of the season and their record now reads: played 28, won 23, drew 3 and lost 2.

Barcelona, Spain's European Cup semi-finalists were also beaten this afternoon, going down 1-0 at home against Saragossa.

Atletico Madrid, who drew 2-2 with Valencia, made certain of finishing runners-up to Real.

With two matches to play, Real Madrid have 40 points, Atletico Madrid have 39 and Barcelona lie third with 32. —Reuter.

Australia lead India at tennis

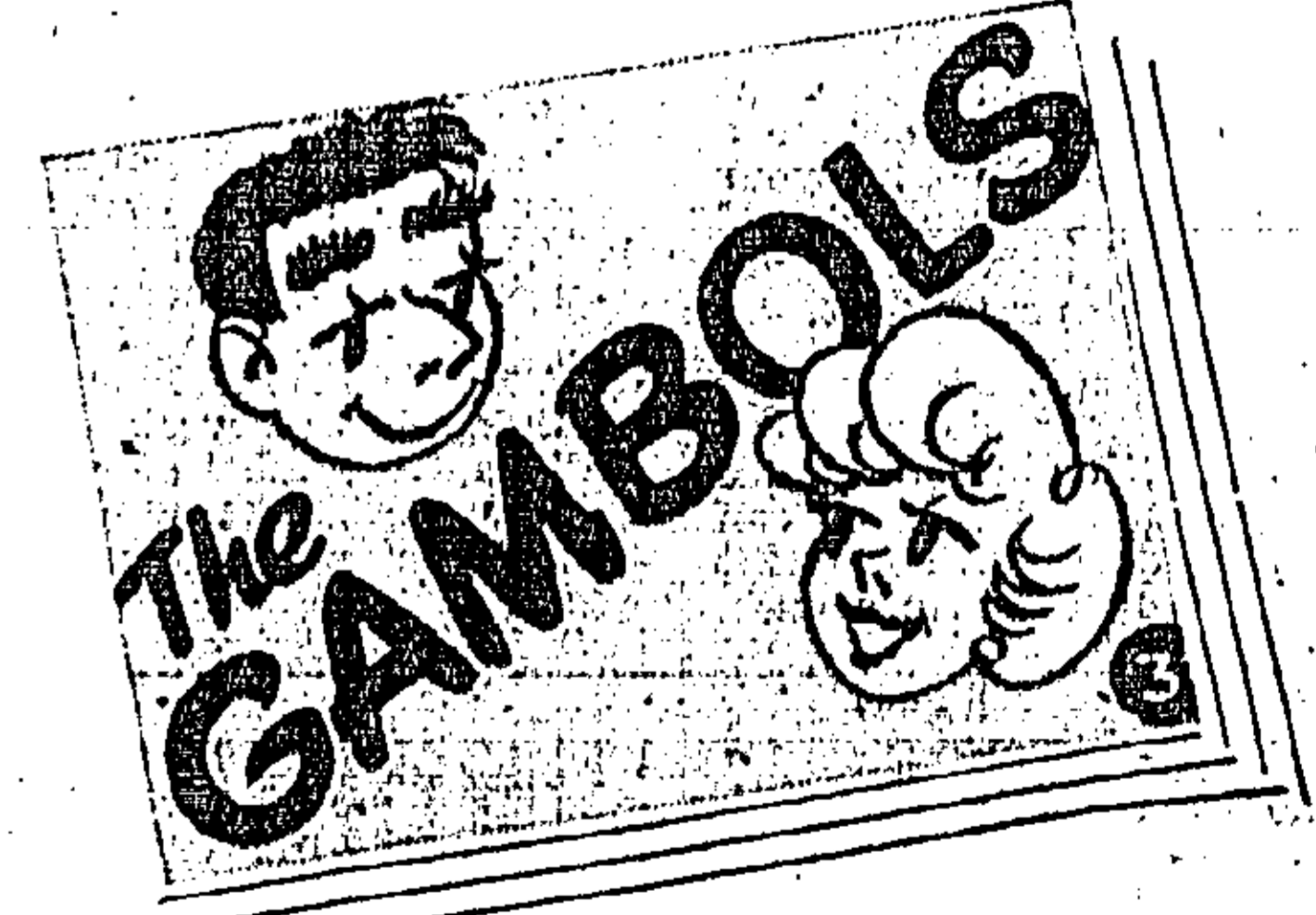
Calcutta, Apr. 9. Australia led India 2-1 after the doubles today on the second day of their international lawn tennis match here.

Robert Hewitt and Fred Stolle, of Australia, beat Ramnathan Krishnam and Premjit Lal of India, 8-6, 8-2, 1-6, 8-6. Each side won a singles yesterday and the match will be completed tomorrow with two more singles. —Reuter.

International Hockey

Amstelveen, Apr. 8. Belgium beat Holland 3-2, after leading 2-0 at half-time in a men's international hockey match here today. —Reuter.

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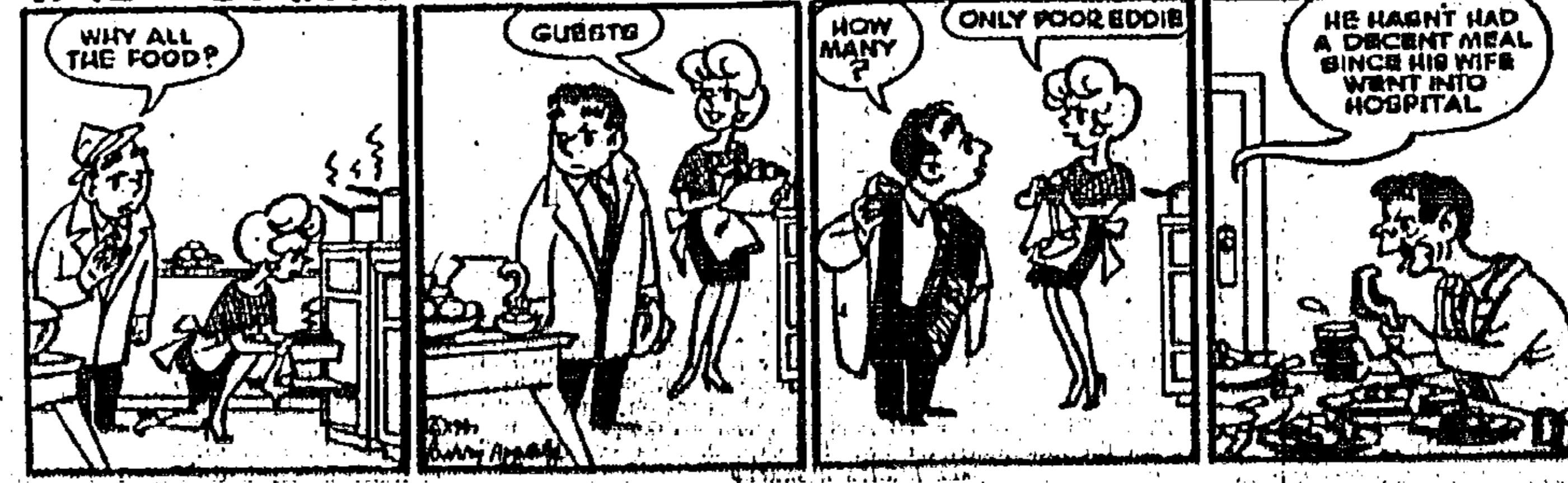
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Sports Diary

TODAY
Swimming
Australian Swimming Carnival, Victoria Park 6.30 pm.
Bowls
Entries close for Lawn Bowls League.

TOMORROW
Hockey
Men's International: Malaysia v Nepal (K.P.) 8.30 pm.
Golf
RHSCC new Ladies' captain driving in at Wanling, 10.30 am.

THE GAMBOLS



Softball surprises galore —but not in results of matches

By OLLY VAS

It was really a weekend full of surprises for softball and Little League baseball, but not in terms of results of matches. To start it off the Junior league game between the Austers and the Indians scheduled for Saturday afternoon had to be rescheduled for the second time as only the Indians turned up. This left the batting title still undecided.

The Austers did not receive official notification of this game till late on the evening of the match by which time service duties ruled out the possibility of their raising a side.

The Indians' manager Alec Bragg was visibly upset by this slip-up of administrative paperwork and is, I understand, filing a complaint.

The Austers did, however, manage to get together a side on Sunday morning for a League match against the Starbusts. They led for three innings and during this time the Starbusts did not get a single hit off the manager-cum-player Bert Shotton but later caught up on the three runs deficit and batted in 12 more runs to win comfortably by 15-3.

Mahadev Dayaram gave the Austers only one hit, an opening blow by Verah which was good for four runs as left-hander Tony Diesta misjudged the flight of the ball.

Spectacular catch

Another surprise was that only a handful of Little Leaguers turned up yesterday afternoon because of a misunderstanding over the question of whether or not the ground was fit for play, it having rained heavily in the morning at King's Park. When I left the ball park the youngsters were still trickling in, after having been officially told earlier that all afternoon games had been called off.

To round it off the biggest surprise must have been the spectacular catch by left-fielder Annabelle Chiu in yesterday's All-Hongkong versus the Universal Taiwan girls match won by the latter 13-6. Annabelle stuck a glove out way over her head and nabbed a fly ball that had "home-run" splashed all over it. She was the most surprised player on the field.

Programme for today's swimming Carnival

Following is the programme of today's Swimming Carnival at the Victoria Park pool featuring the visiting Australian states:

1. 6.30 pm — Men's 800m

Freestyle: Robert Windhe (Aus), 900m.

Alan Wood (Aus), 800m.

HK Team in a relay (8 x 100m): Fok Shiu-kok, Chan Shing-chung, Tse Hon-sum, Lau Kam-bor, Chan Put, Wong King-chiu, Wong Kun-fai and Wong Mun-leung.

2. 6.45 pm — Women's 100m

Butterfly Stroke: Jan Andrew (Aus) vs HK team in a relay (2 x 50m).

Eather Ki Fung-ha and D. E. Sheldon.

3. 6.53 p.m. — Men's 100m

Breast Stroke: Exhibition by local swimmers Koo Mun-kui, Wong Ho-hom, Mak Ho-yuen, Kwan Po-kau, Lam Luk-keun and Loo Tung-chiu.

4. 7.01 pm — Women's 400m

Freestyle: Helen Bartler (Aus) vs HK team in a relay (4 x 100m).

Tsui Sai-yin, Debby Eather Ki Fung-ha and Gladys Hsu.

5. 7.10 pm — Fancy Diving

Exhibition by past and present local champions Wong Sik-hon, Chan Hing, Lau Chi-hung, Mi Chuen, Bobby Chan, Lai Chiu-wing, F. Comerford, Miss Leong Lai-ying and Miss Wong Chor-ku.

6. 7.30 pm — Men's 100m

Freestyle: David Dickson (Aus) vs Wan Shiu-ming (HK).

7. 7.38 pm — Women's 100m

Backstroke: Exhibition by local swimmers Fok Si-ai, Lily Chew, Au Yuen-ling, Esther Ki Fung-ha and Tsui Sai-yin.

8. 7.45 pm — Women's 4 x 100m Medley Relay:

1st Team — (Back) Esther Ki Fung-ha (Breast) Mary Watson (Butterfly) D. M. Sheldon (Crawl) Helen Bartler.

2nd Team — (Back) J. M. Sheldon (Breast) Doris Ki Fung-ha (Butterfly) Jan Andrew (Crawl) Gladys Hsu.

9. 7.52 pm — Men's & Women's (4 x 100m) Freestyle Relay:

Australian team — Helen Bartler, David Dickson, Alan Wood, Robert Windhe, Jan Andrew.

HK team — Lau Kam-bor, Fok Shiu-kok, Chan Put, Wan Shiu-ming.

Jack Brabham wins the Brussels Grand Prix

Brussels, Apr. 9.

World champion Jack Brabham today won the Brussels Grand Prix for Formula One cars which was run in three 22-lap heats of 100.114 kilometres (66.07 miles) each.

Although the race does not count for the World Driving Championship, Europe's top drivers fought it out on the circuit in the outskirts of Brussels.

Brabham played a waiting game in his Cooper. The Australian was third in the first heat behind Joseph Bonnier of Sweden and Roy Salvadori of Britain.

In the second heat Brabham was engaged in a furious tussle with Bonnier and the former world motorcycle champion, John Surtees of Britain, driving a Cooper, before winning.

The third heat saw a close struggle between Brabham and Bonnier's Stirling Moss. Time and time again they passed each other, but Moss's

Lotus, which previously had given him a lot of trouble, was unable to match the world champion's Cooper.

Brabham won the heat by only one tenth of a second over Moss, who finished seventh in the overall standings.

Bruce McLaren of New Zealand was second in a Cooper. Third was Tony Marsh of Britain in a Lotus.—AP.

Another shuttle title for Erland Kops

Paris, Apr. 9.

Erland Kops, Denmark's All-England champion, won the men's singles title at the French International Badminton Championships here today.

Kops defeated the holder, Ferry Sonneville, of Indonesia, 15-12, 15-10, in the final.

Mrs Hanne Jensen, of Denmark, won the women's title, beating British holder, Mrs Rita Ribbey 3-11, 11-5, 11-2.

Results of the doubles finals were:

Men: E. Kops and F. Kobbere (Denmark) beat C. T. Oon and K. H. Yeoh (Malaya) 15-6, 15-10.

Women: Miss R. Rabey and Miss J. Brennan (Britain) beat Mrs J. Sonneville (Indonesia) and Miss S. M. McColg (Britain) 11-8, 11-7.

Mixed: E. Kops and Mrs H. Jensen (Denmark) beat Mr and Mrs B. Nielsen (Denmark) 15-6, 15-10.—Reuter.

RECREIO 'A', ARMY 'A' CRAWL TO A DRAW IN HOLLAND CUP HOCKEY FINAL

By NUMPERE

The Holland Cup hockey final between Recreio 'A' and Army 'A' ended in a goalless draw yesterday at King's Park and will be replayed on the same ground on Thursday, April 13, at 5.30 pm.

In the play-off for the Second Division Championship, RAF, winners of Section 'B', defeated Prisons, winners of Section 'A' by 3-0 to win the Second Division shield.

On Saturday, in the two semi-finals of the Ladies International Knock-out Tournament, Commonwealth defeated England 1-0 and Portugal had a comfortable 4-0 victory over Scotland. The final between Commonwealth and Portugal will be played on Wednesday at King's Park starting at 5.30 pm.

Holland Cup final

The excitement that was anticipated in this final did not materialise, and with neither team deserving to win a draw was a just result.

Shots at goal were few and far between and neither forward line was shown to very great advantage although perhaps the wet conditions were partly to blame.

Army were without full-back Pettifer who is still on the injured list and, although substitute Norman played well, Pettifer's aggressiveness was missing and he might have instilled more enthusiasm into his forwards.

Holmes took a nasty knock on the thigh in the very early stages which must have slowed him down, but the weakest link in the Army's forward line was centre-forward Narbu Lama who only had one real shot at goal throughout.

Recreio's defence were very steady with R. A. Silva having almost complete control in midfield, but the forwards rarely got going as a line.

Colloco was kept very quiet by Bowell and nearly all Recreio's possible chances came

from left-winger L. Guterres who occasionally broke through. Castro worked hard but his touch was missing.

The match started in very light rain which increased as the game progressed, and in the 10th minute both Holmes and Beckett were hurt through the ball being lifted straight at them.

Beckett's was from a free hit and the game was temporarily rested with an on-side bully.

The first scoring chance came in the 10th minute when Lettin sent Turner away, and from his shot Santos' partial clearance went to Lama but he hesitated and Monteiro was quickly in to tackle and clear.

Three minutes later Lama had another chance from Holmes' pass and shot hard but it was well saved by Santos.

Play continued with exchanges even but the two defences were holding the upper hand and scoring chances were few.

In the 32nd minute it looked as if Recreio would score. A. P. Guterres sent the ball through and Lettin misread his clearance to let Castro in but, in his anxiety, he overran the ball enabling Lettin to recover and clear.

Another chance

Just before the interval Army had another chance following a good run from Holmes but Lama was again slow in shooting, and when he did Recreio's defence had covered and one of them deflected the ball behind. The long corner was cleared and Castro went away upfield and beat Norman but Fearn was well cut to clear.

The second half continued with both defences predominant but in the 44th minute L. Guterres went away up the left wing and left three defenders standing. He worked his way in and passed to Castro whose hard shot hit the side netting.

This was about the best move of the match.

Shortly afterwards Alonco went through but Bowell intercepted and cleared well.

The game continued with neither side really getting grip on it and there was very little over which the spectators could enthuse and time ran out with the score still standing at 0-0.

Not a very exciting final but I am sure both teams will show a big improvement in the replay on Thursday.

The teams

Recreio 'A': Santos, Pedruco, Nolasco, E. Guterres, R. A. Silva, Monteiro, Colloco, A. P. Guterres, Alonco, Castro, L. Guterres.

Army 'A': Fearn, Norman, Oliphant, Beckett, Lettin, Bowell, Frusher, Holmes, Narbu Lama, Turner, Brierly.

RAF v Prisons

This play-off for the Second Division Championship also did not come up to expectations but this can be partially attributed to RAF's star forward Ryan pulling a muscle in the 20th minute and playing throughout the remainder of the match at walking pace.

Prisons also had to bring in a reserve due to the late arrival of inside-forward Pecke, who arrived after the reserve had taken the field and had to be content with watching.

For Prisons Zia Hussain had very little support from the rest of his forwards, and was also closely watched by RAF's skipper Thirbeck and, on the few occasions when Hussain did lose Thirbeck he found Sizer blocking his path.

The initial whistle blew with Prisons fielding only nine players but goalkeeper Kadir came on shortly afterwards followed by G. Singh a reserve forward.

For the first few minutes RAF had most of the game, territorially but could not break through the Prisons' rearward and it was not until the 10th minute

that Prisons approached the RAF's goal when Hussain chased a long ball and Fister was adjudged guilty of obstruction in allowing the ball to go behind although Hussain looked at least five yards away.

However, Fisher saved Hussain's shot from the short corner and RAF attacked and forced a short corner but Kadir saved Thirbeck's shot.

In the 20th minute Prisons forced another short corner but Fisher again saved well from Hussain and the ball was cleared upfield but Ryan, in chasing it, aggravated a pulled muscle which slowed him right down.

Took the lead

The match continued with RAF slightly on top but in the 28th minute Prisons forced a succession of corners. From each one Fisher blocked Hussain's shots and relieved the pressure.

Then, just before the interval, RAF took the lead through Ryan after Hanley had made the opening.

Ten minutes after the resumption RAF went further ahead. Yakub conceded a short corner for kicking and from Patrick's hand-stops Thirbeck shot hard and scored.

RAF again had most of the play in this half and in the 60th minute put the issue beyond doubt when, from a roll-in on their right wing, Balcombe cut in and although Kadir saved his shot he regained possession and scored.

For the remaining minutes Prisons pressed hard but could not score and the end came with RAF emerging victorious by 3-0 to become this year's Second Division champions.

Ladies' Internationals

In the first of the Ladies' International Knock-out Tournament Semi-finals matches on Saturday, Commonwealth, with ten players defeated England with only nine by 1-0.

The winning goal was a solo effort by Betty Mair five minutes after the interval.

In the other semi-final Portugal had a comfortable victory over Scotland by 4-0 and, but for the Scotland goalkeeper of Scotland's captain M. Muir, the score would have undoubtedly been far higher.

Portugal scored twice in the first half through C. Oon and V. Souza, and in the second half V. Souza added another and M. Rosario scored the fourth for Portugal.

The final between Commonwealth and Portugal will be played on Wednesday at King's Park, 5.30 pm. Umpires: W. Matthews, A. Van der Sluis.

TUESDAY

First Division

Army 'A' vs IRC 'A' at Sookunpoo, 5.30 pm. Umpires: H. Brandt, H. Crebas.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies' International Final

Commonwealth vs Portugal at King's Park, 5.30 pm. Umpires: W. Matthews, A. Van der Sluis.

THURSDAY

Men's International

Malaya vs Nepal at King's Park, 5.30 pm.

Umpires: Y. Khan, K. Lail.

The India Series vs Mainland annual fixture will be played on Wednesday April 10, and players who wish to be considered for this match should contact the respective captains who are: Island—B. Miller, Mainland—M. Fincher.

Nine players

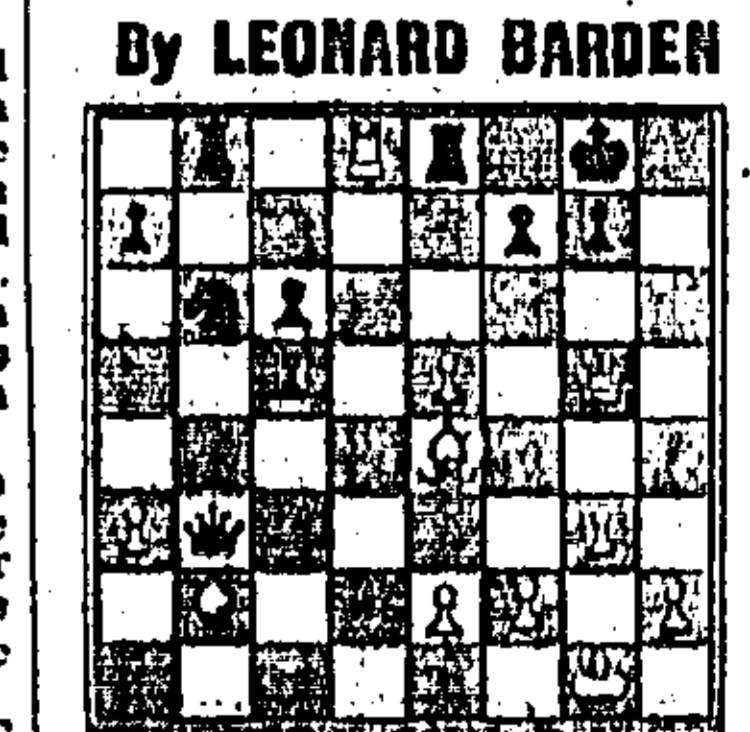
Fisher in the RAF's goal had a great game, particularly in saving short corners. From these it was invariably Zia Hussain who shot and he always found Fisher beautifully positioned. Had Prisons shown variety in their method of taking corners then things might have been different.

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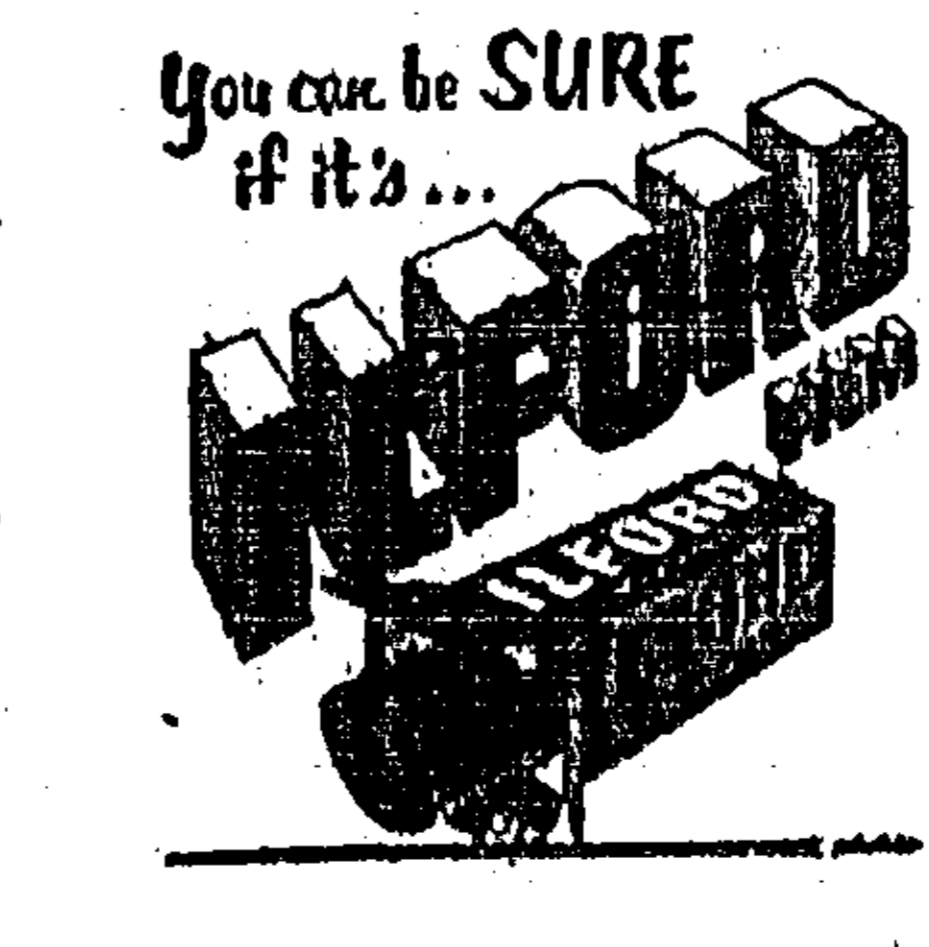
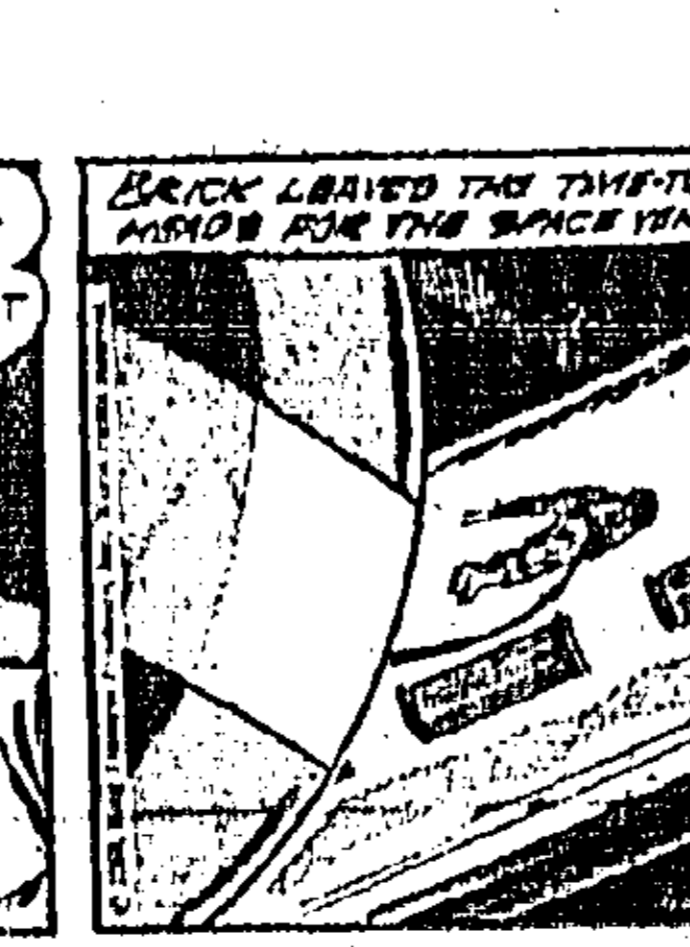
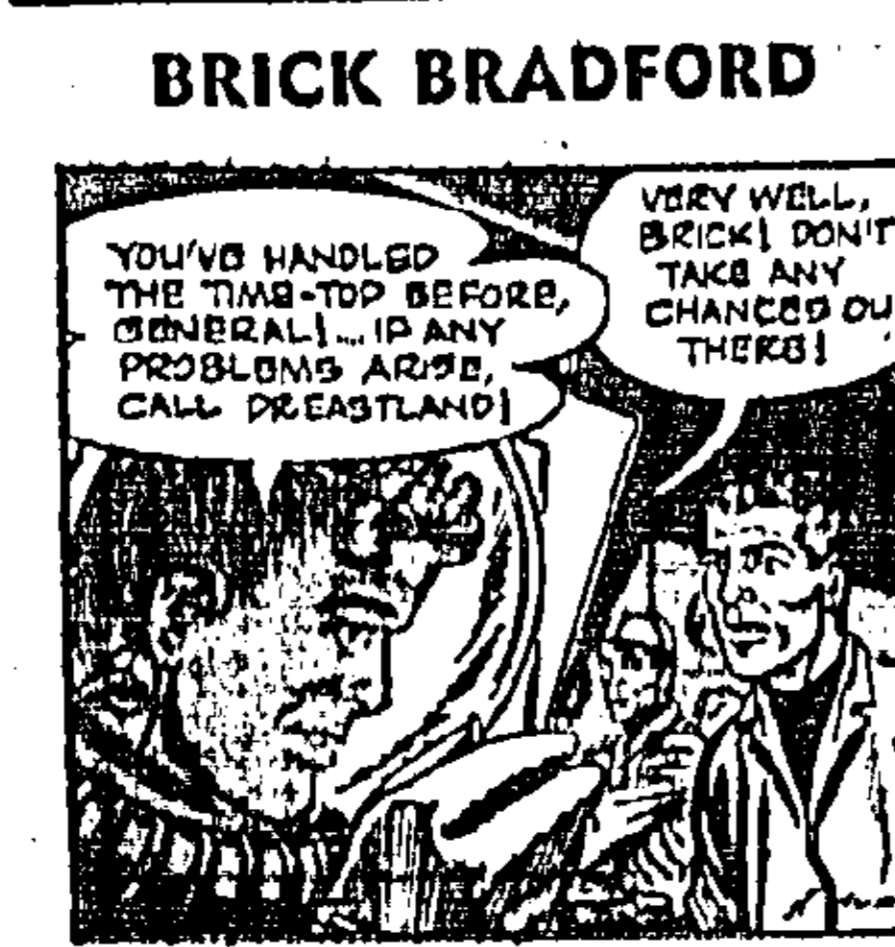
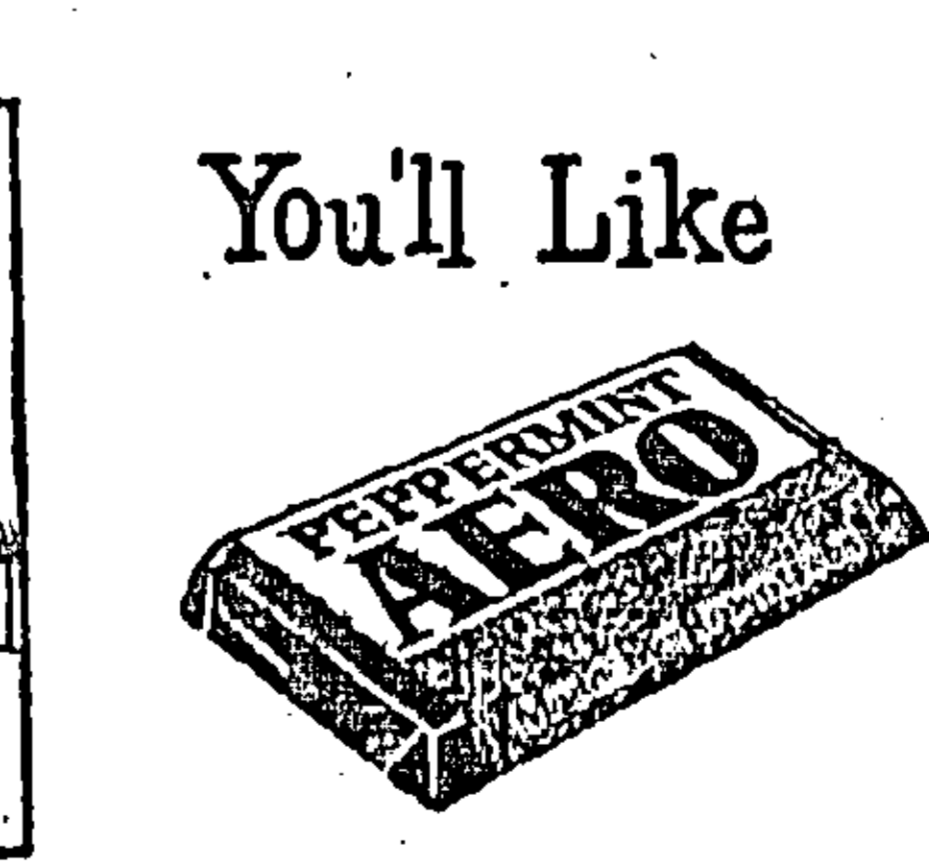
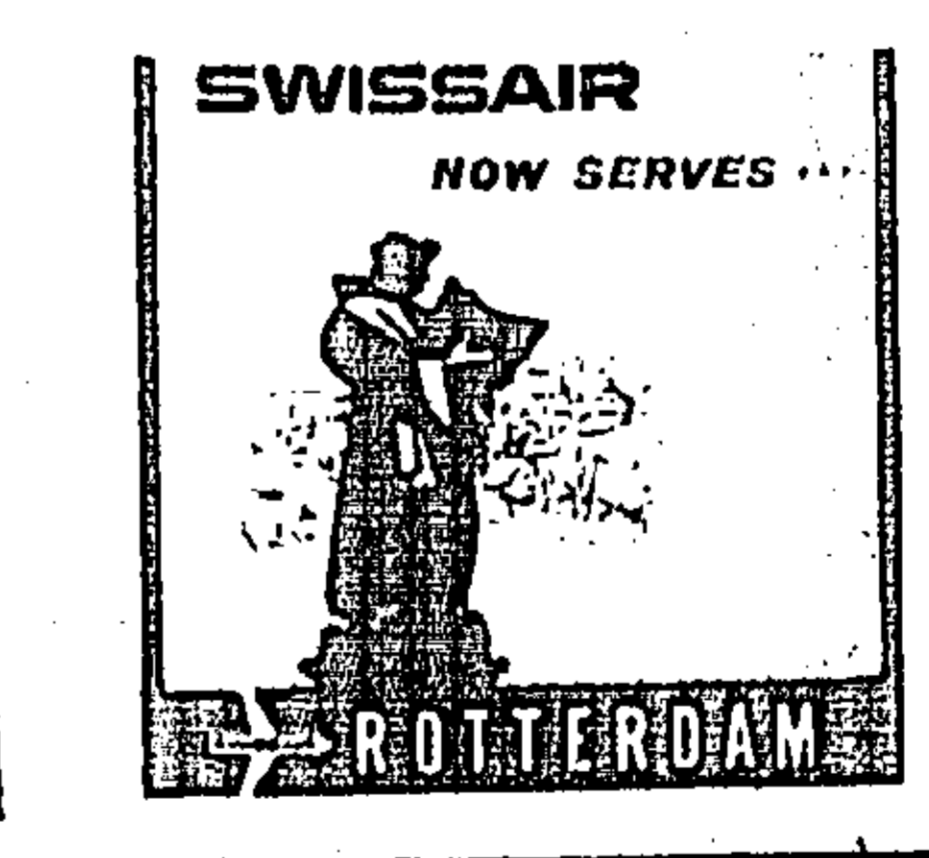
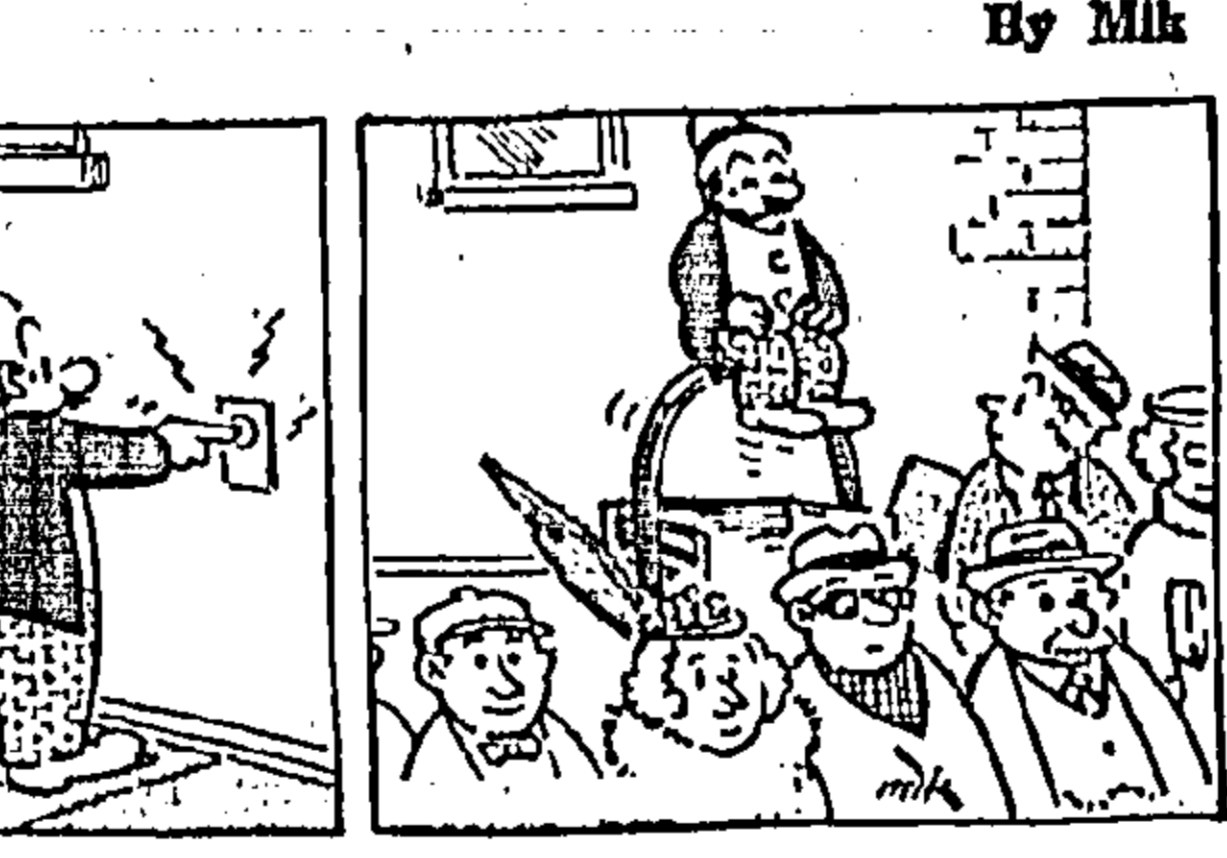
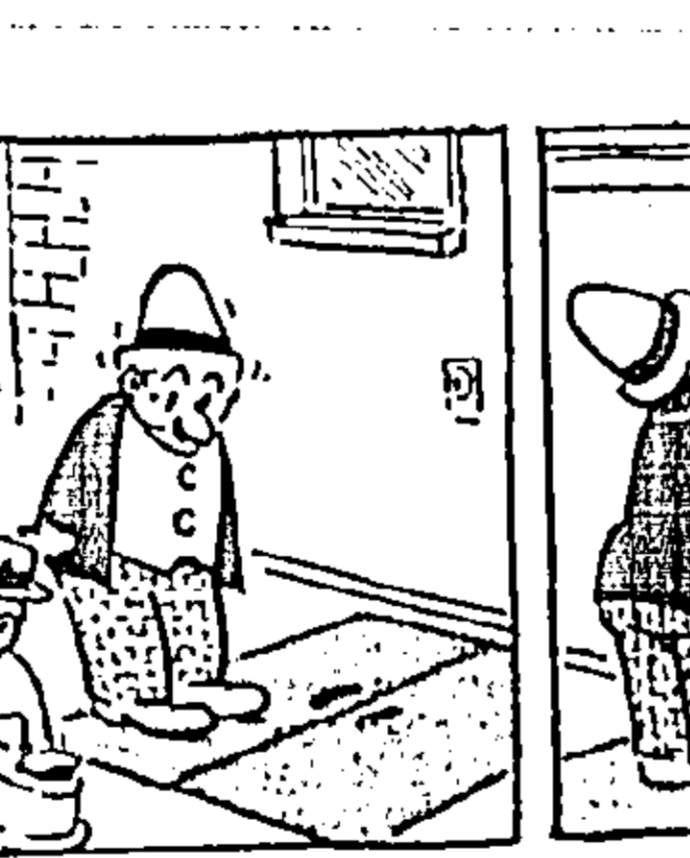
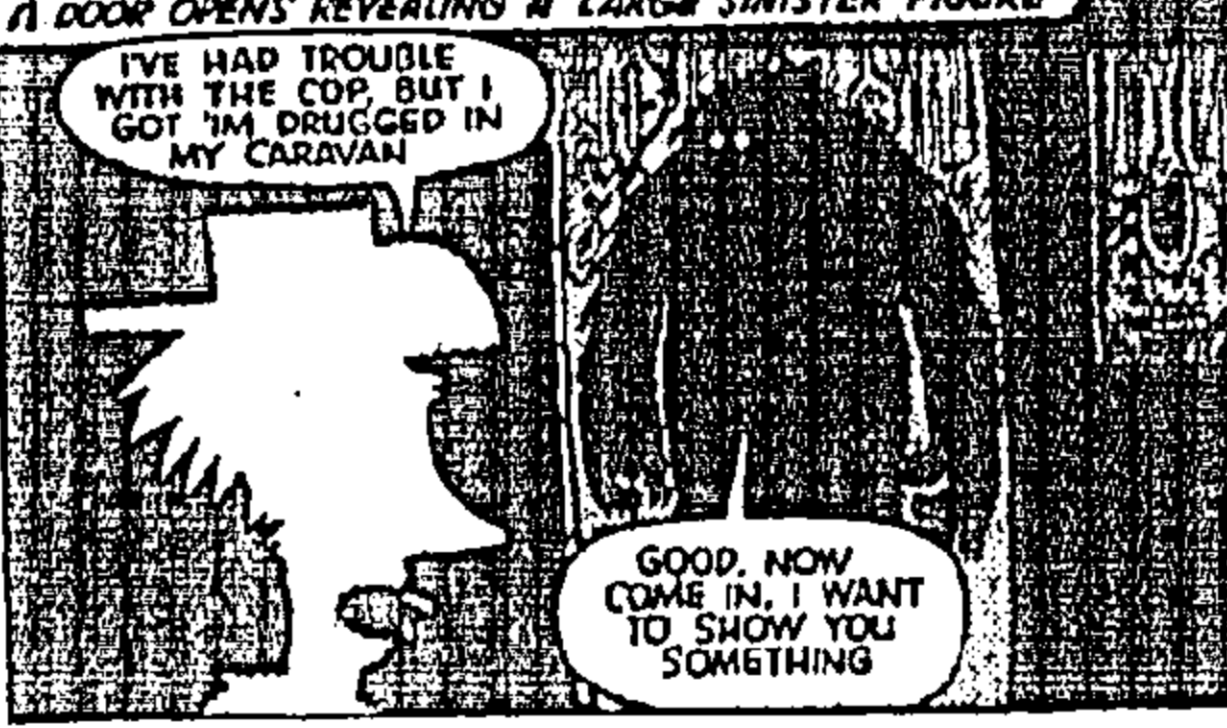
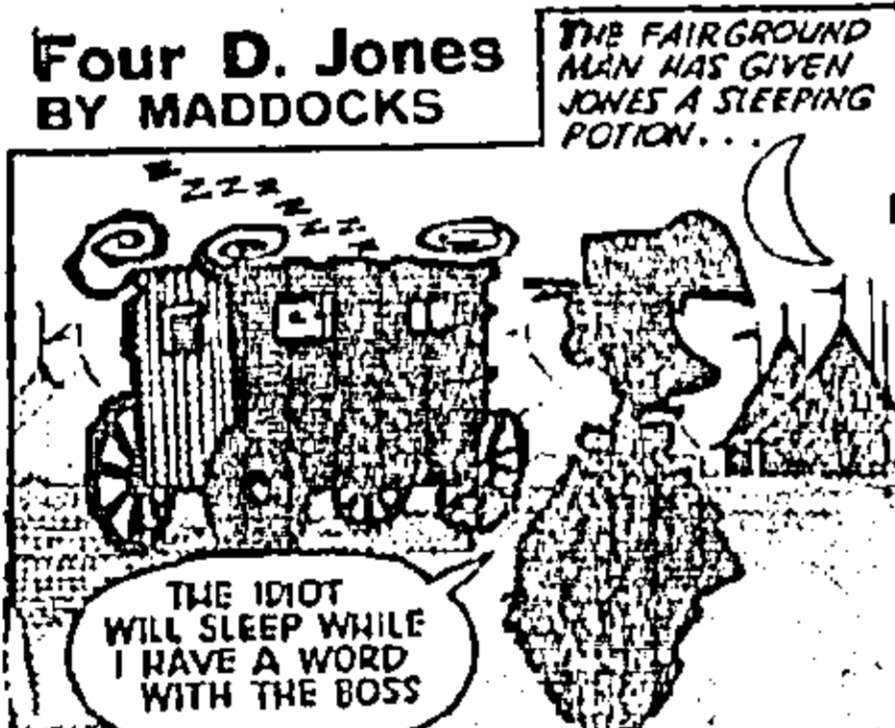
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By LEONARD BARDEN



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FISHING GROUNDS CROWDED

Fishing grounds in the Gulf of Tongking were now too crowded with fishing vessels from Japan, Formosa and Hongkong and yields there were much diminished.

Captain C. Y. Fu, skipper of the Cape St. Mary, said this after his return from a trawling survey in the Gulf yesterday.

However, it was still a very good fishing ground, he said.

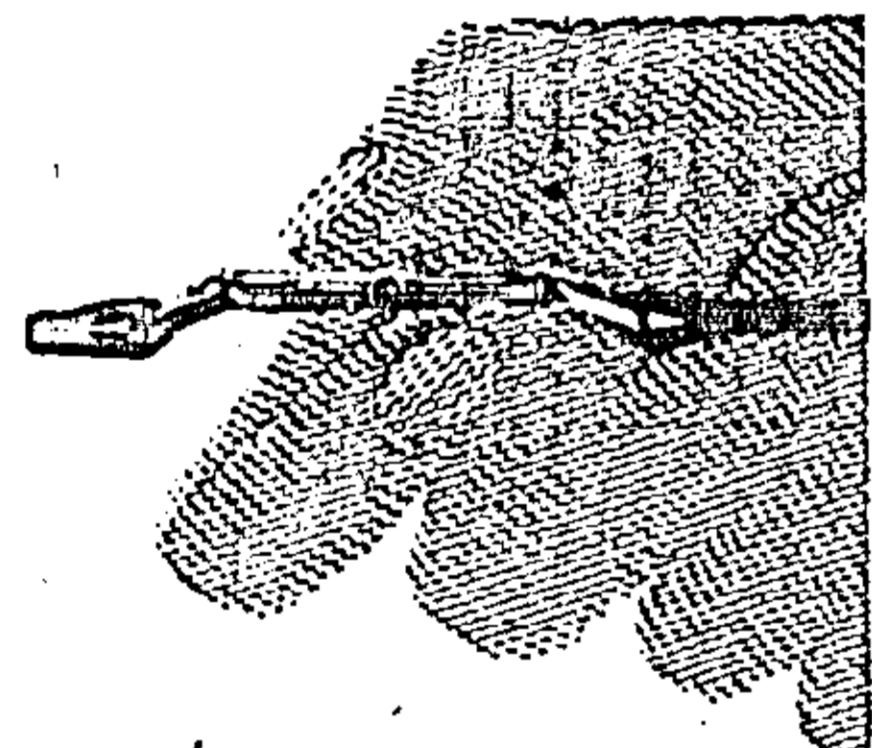
The 240-ton Government fisheries research vessel came back with 51,000 lbs of fish, 60 per cent of which were red snapper, crevella and red cod fish.

Caught shark

During her 20-day voyage, the 16 crew members had to measure currents and take samples of sea water besides catching fish, said the captain.

A saw shark weighing 200 lbs and 20 rays weighing 500 lbs each were caught, but all were thrown overboard because of lack of storage space, said the captain.

Mr. J. D. Bramhall, senior officer of the Fisheries Research Station of the Co-operative Development and Fisheries Department said that the Cape St. Mary would set off on another trip on Monday next. It would go further south along the coast of Vietnam to explore new fishing grounds.



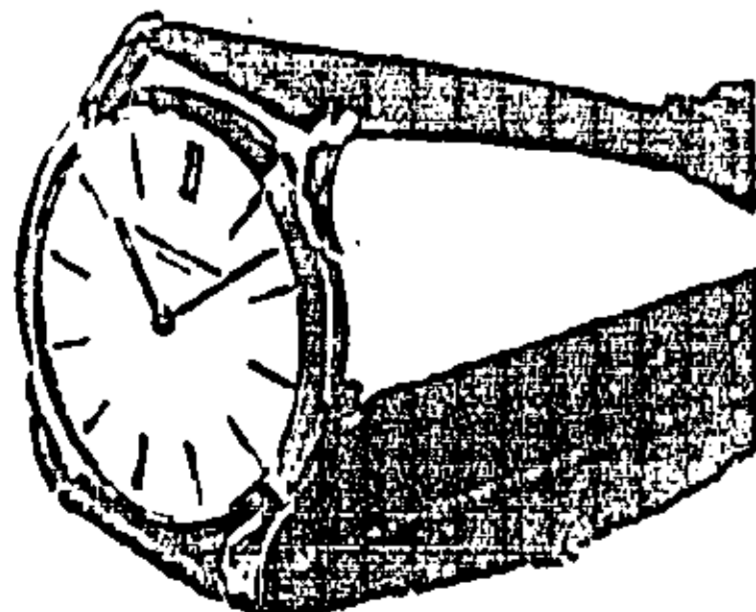
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MAGISTRATE'S ADVICE TO POLICE

SEARCH CONTINUES FOR NT 'WILD BEAST'

Police are continuing the search this morning for a "wild beast" sighted last Wednesday by a villager on Tai Tam Yang, a hill in the Pak Heung district south of Yuen Long.

VISIT OF SHELL COMPANY FINANCE DIRECTOR

Mr. E. Chester Peet, the Finance Director of the Royal Dutch/Shell Group of Companies, arrived in Hongkong yesterday from Tokyo. He is accompanied by his wife and will be leaving for Manila on Wednesday.

Mr. Peet is an American citizen.

He began his Shell career in 1919 in the United States.

After holding various positions, including a period between 1942 and 1944 on loan to the War Production Board in Washington, he was appointed in 1949 Vice-President Finance, in charge of all financial and accounting operations for the Shell Companies throughout the United States.

In 1952, Mr. Peet was asked to take up an appointment in

London to organise the finance administration of the Royal Dutch/Shell Group of Companies world wide.

Since that time he has been appointed to the boards of



Mr. E. Chester Peet

Shell Petroleum Company, the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company and Bataine Petroleum Mij.

He is also a director of Shell Oil in the United States and of a number of other Group Companies.

This was the second report on the discovery of a "wild beast"—tentatively identified as a leopard—in the mountains of the New Territories in the last three weeks.

At 5 pm last Wednesday, Chow Nam-sheun, 57, was lying on a rock on the hill while his herd of goats was grazing on the slope about 300 yards away.

About 20 minutes later, he heard a horrifying roar and then heard his goats stampede.

He sprang to his feet and saw a brown coloured animal with its teeth in the neck of a black goat, dragging it towards a bush.

He released his black dog but the dog whined and ran away with its tail between its legs.

Chow picked up a stone and threw it at the animal but it appeared unconcerned.

RAN FOR LIFE

Suddenly realising that it might have been the same animal which appeared on Tai Mo Shan a fortnight ago, Chow ran for his life to the village at the foot of the hill.

When he returned with a crowd, the animal was no longer there, but they found the body of the black goat.

Chow found that the wound on its neck was "as big as a rice bowl" and clearly showed teeth-marks.

The shepherd said the animal was more than five feet long, had brown fur and a thick neck, and looked like a leopard.

"It was agile in movement and glaring in the eyes," he added.

He made a report to the police. The Fanling police station despatched a squad of Pakistani policemen to hunt for the beast and the search has continued up to this morning.

"There has been no trace found of the beast yet," said one reliable informant.

ADmits THEFT

A 10-year-old girl student was bound over in the sum of \$500 for one year by Mr. J. E. Dargan at North Kowloon Juvenile Court this morning when she pleaded guilty to two counts of simple larceny and larceny in a dwelling. The sum involved was \$255.

Assaulted

A woman was detained in Kowloon hospital after she had been assaulted by a man outside No. 50, Shunning-road yesterday. A man has been detained by police for questioning.

\$2 million building scheme for Kowloon

A modern building costing \$2,063,542 to replace 20 houses in Ki Lung-street, Kowloon, was the subject of an exemption application which opened this morning before the Tenancy Tribunal.

Mr. B. V. Rhodes, Tenancy Tribunal President, with members, Mrs. V. L. Chan and Mr. A. E. M. Rafeek, heard the application brought by the Shun Yuen Land Investment Company, represented by Mr. A. S. C. Comber of Hastings and Co.

More than 330 opponents of the houses, Nos 250-280, Ki Lung-street, appeared at the proceedings concerning the replacement of the present three-storey tenements.

Among the business tenants were owners of weaving workshops, machine works, tea houses, rice shops, roast meat dealers, stationers, joss stick manufacturers, tea and tobacco shops, rattan furniture makers, provisions and other stores.

Mr. Wong Ting-ki, architect, said that the plans for the new nine-storey structure would increase the covered floor area from the present 34,940 sq ft to 124,378 sq ft in the new block. These figures did not include balconies.

The new block would provide 22 shops and 176 flats for domestic tenants. Most of the business tenants had reached settlement when the President ordered an adjournment for discussion between Counsel and opponents.

13 people still detained by Police

About 13 of the 21 people arrested for questioning on Saturday by the police in connection with the kidnapping of Wong Sik-pun, the banker, and his son, Wong Ying-kau, are still under police detention, the Chinese press said today.

The police would make no comment on the Chinese press report this morning.

The 21 were rounded up on Saturday in both Hongkong and Macao. Some of them were released after interrogation.

Those still detained at police stations were arrested under the Emergency Ordinance.

In Macao, police made a late-night search of many houses on Saturday and put three people under supervision.

Big tobacco seizures

A revenue party, acting on information, searched the Mai Po area of the New Territories one day during February and found twelve sacks of tobacco, weighing 791 lbs. hidden in an unattended camp.

A further haul of 784 lbs. of tobacco was seized when a revenue party stopped and searched a lorry in the Yuen Long area. The driver of the lorry was subsequently charged and fined \$50 and bound over to be of good behaviour under a bond of \$500.

These two tobacco seizures were the largest to be effected during February, when preventive service patrols seized a total of 3,920 lbs of tobacco. The seasonal lull brought about by the Chinese New Year holidays was mainly responsible for the fall in tobacco seizures during the period under review.

CHINA COAST CAPTAIN ON RETIREMENT

Captain E. H. Histed, retiring Commodore Master of the China Navigation Co. Ltd, left with Mrs. Histed in the P & O-Orient liner Orsova at noon today on retirement after 42 years with the company.

A large number of friends and colleagues went on board to bid farewell to the Histeds, who intend to settle down on the south coast of England.

Driver fined \$750 sequel to boy's death on road

Lai Yung, a lorry driver, of 6 Tai Fung-street, Yuen Long, was fined \$750 with the alternative of one month in prison by Mr. I. T. Morris at Causeway Bay Court this morning for dangerous driving causing the death of a six-year-old boy.

The defendant, driving a goods vehicle, knocked down and killed a boy on October 14 along Connaught-road West at the entrance of the West Gate in the godown area.

He told the court that at the time of the accident he was driving at between 15 to 20 mph.

Mr. Morris in passing sentence said that the defendant's rash action in not taking reasonable precautions when entering the gateway had resulted in the death of a small child.

"If every individual would endeavour to carry out the suggestions contained in the Highway Code which really is the heart and core of road safety and follow its precepts in letter and spirit there would, in my opinion, be an enormous reduction in death and injury on the roads of this Colony," Mr. Morris added.

SERIOUS

"The police would be well-advised to concentrate on action against drivers who have committed serious offences such as that now before the Court rather than upon prosecutions for technical breaches of the law," he pointed out.

"What is needed in the Colony is not that motorists should be harassed over trifling offences but that the lethal driver, whether through drunkenness, recklessness or incompetence, who proves himself to be a menace should be suitably dealt with and in certain circumstances kept off the roads," he added.

Mr. Morris said that he was not sending defendant to prison because the latter had a wife and six children to support.

Mr. Morris also ordered the defendant's driving licence to be endorsed.

Carlos Oliveira dies in Macao

The death occurred in Macao this morning of Mr. Carlos Maria Oliveira, an archivist in the Civil Administration Department of the Government. He was 51.

Mr. Oliveira collapsed after a heart attack while working in the Administration Building. His body was taken to the St. Rafael Hospital.

Oliveira leaves a wife and eight children, with his eldest son and daughter working in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. He was an uncle of Mr. A. O. Sales-Honorary Consul for Spain in Hongkong and member of the Urban Council.

From the Files

25 years AGO

April 1936

THE local Chinese community lost one of its most public spirited and most able leaders by the death which occurred last night shortly before 9 p.m. of Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, an unofficial Justice of the Peace.

The late Mr. Wong, who was 57, was a prominent businessman and was at one time the manager and director of the Kai Tak Land Investment Ltd, a concern which was instrumental in the reclamation of the Kai Tak Bund on which the Government aerodrome now stands.

He also took a leading part in the development of residential districts in Kowloon City now called the Kai Yan, Kai Yee and other roads.

With the opening of the Kai Tak area, Mr. Wong and his colleagues saw the necessity of improving the motor bus traffic between Kowloon City and Tsimshatsui and other parts of the Kowloon mainland, and in this connection he was one of the founders and later the manager of the Kai Tak Motor Bus Company which maintained for some years a fleet of vehicles running between Kowloon City and Tsimshatsui.

Mr. Wong later became successively manager of the China Specie Bank, now closed, and manager of the Chinese Merchants Stock Exchange Mart.

In later years his principal commercial interest was with the Kwong Tin Tyre Co and he was also a shareholder of Holt's Wharf.

His best known work for the community was as an unofficial member of the Sanitary Board on which he served for a number of years representing Chinese interest.

Some years ago he was vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Tung Wah Hospital and he was also Chairman of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce.

TO DIRECT NEW CHINESE FILM

Robert Chung, Managing Director of Motion Picture and General Investment Co. of Hongkong, is to turn film director.

The film he will direct for his company is "Education For Love," adapted from a best-selling Italian novel.

Mr. Chung will tackle the task with confidence, for apart from being an expert photographer, he has undergone a full course of training at Hollywood in all phases of picture-making.

COMING AND GOING

Mr. Y. H. Pun, barrister and former magistrate, sailed in the Orsova at noon today for the United Kingdom to visit his family.

Mr. T. Kavanagh, Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation, Hongkong Police, sailed in the Orsova at noon today on home leave.

His family left earlier for the United Kingdom by the Corfu.

Mr. H. E. Aiers, Secretary of Employers' Federation of Hongkong, sailed with his wife in the Orsova at noon today on home leave.

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